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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 4, 2000

Chairman Tom Gattle presiding.

Bill Busbice Glynn Carver Warren Delacroix Tom Kelly Norman McCall Jerry Stone

Secretary James Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the April 6, 2000 Commission Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Busbice and seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

Presentation of Scholarship Check by Louisiana Dog Hunters Association was handled by Mr. Dick Smith, President of the. Association. The \$2,000 check, given to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation, was to be used to help a student with college. He added he hoped this contribution would be an annual donation. Mr. Smith then provided literature to each Commissioner. He added that the dog hunters are trying to keep a sport going that has been a way of life for a lot of hunters. Then he stated the drop in numbers of hunters will continue in the next 5 years unless the youth follows the way they hunt. Mr. Smith announced a five year study was to be conducted on Kisatchie National Forest in 1980 on dog hunting and he felt the study was still in the office. asked the Commission to open Kisatchie in Area 2 so those youth and hunters that can not afford leases will have an opportunity to The dates to hunt should be the same as the outside area. Chairman Gattle thanked Mr. Smith for his comments and the educational support of the Association.

Mr. Mark Schexnayder handled the Declaration of Emergency on the Setting 2000 Spring Shrimp Season. He began stating this was

the annual presentation of data collected for opening the shrimp season in all three zones. Overheads shown included a schematic of the life history of shrimp; shrimp landings for Louisiana for 1981 through 1999 (average equals 100 million pounds with heads-on); Louisiana landings by month for 1998 and 1999; 1999 shrimp caught in Louisiana; long term and short term catches for heads off shrimp; and shrimp gear license sales by year. The next series of overheads dealt with hydrology and the effects of the drought Louisiana has been experiencing for the last year. These included: southeast Louisiana rainfall during poor and good production years; southeast Louisiana rainfall comparing 1999 and 2000 with the long term average; Mississippi River discharge during the poor years and good years; Mississippi River discharge for 1999 and 2000; south Barataria Bay temperatures showing long term averages versus year 2000; south Barataria Bay daily water temperature deviations; south Barataria Bay April daily water temperatures; hours of water temperature below 68 degrees in south Barataria Bay; north Barataria Bay salinity; north Barataria Bay salinity deviations for February through April 2000; April 2000 tidal range; April brown shrimp nursery areas; brown shrimp catch effort in 6 foot trawls in Barataria Bay during April work weeks; mean size of shrimp in 6 foot trawls during April work weeks; catch effort for week 18, 2000 in all zones; and mean size for all zones for week 18, 2000. projected growth rate for the criteria used for Zone 1 showed 15 percent were at 100 count or larger on May 1; on May 8 - 37 percent; May 15 - 61 percent; and May 22 - 77 percent. For Zone 2, the growth rate showed May 1 was 43 percent at 100 count or larger; May 8 - 61 percent; May 15 - 77 percent and May 22 - 90 percent. Zone 3's growth rate showed May 1 had 14 percent available; May 8 -50 percent and May 15 - 73 percent. Projections for a statewide opening showed May 1 had 41 percent at 100 count; May 8 - 60 percent; May 15 - 76 percent and May 22 - 90 percent. The last overhead shown was the predicted tidal ranges for May 2000. Chairman Gattle then opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Jessie Jenkins asked that Zone 1 be opened on May 15. He added that the outside waters could be opened sooner.

Mr. Justin Schouest from Zone 2 stated he has heard there is nice shrimp and asked that the season be opened on Monday, May 8. If the bayous and lakes were still holding small shrimp, Mr. Schouest asked that these areas remain closed.

Mr. George Terrebonne, The Seafood Shed, stated the season should have opened a week ago. He recommended the season open no later than May 8 and leave the bayous open.

Mr. Tim Kerner, Mayor, town of Jean Lafitte, stated a Resolution was passed by the Senate asking the Commission open Zone 2 on May 8. He asked that the season be open according to the data so the smaller fishermen can fish and make a living.

Mr. Chris Hansen stated he bought shrimp the day before in the 50-60 size and asked that the season open on May 8.

Mr. Pete Gerica, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, asked that Zone 1 be opened as late as possible. He stated that there are a lot of small shrimp in his area. Mr. Gerica suggested changing the 50 percent criteria to possibly 68 percent in order to help the fishermen financially. If there has to be a statewide opening, he asked that Lake Pontchartrain stay closed for an additional two weeks.

Mr. Gene Adams stated Zone 2 should have been open the prior Monday. He felt it would be too late to open the season on Monday, May 8. He concluded by asking that the season be open on May 8.

Mr. Larry Rhodes, Cajun Brothers Seafood, began stating that everyone depends on one resource and that is shrimp. Over the last 8 years, the wholesaler ends up with a lot of small shrimp that cannot be sold and prices that will not help the fisherman or him. If the season is open early, only a handful of people in the industry would make money, commented Mr. Rhodes. He added that 100 count shrimp does not make money for anyone. Then he asked that the season stay closed so the shrimp could grow.

Mr. Neddy Cheramie, a shrimper from Zone 2, stated he served on the Louisiana Shrimp Industry Review Panel in 1998 and 1999 and his attitude has since changed toward the shrimp industry. He added that he has great respect for the Department's staff. Mr. Cheramie works out of Fourchon and has seen a lot of shrimp moving out into the Gulf earlier than usual. He recommended opening Zone 2 at least by May 8. The 1999 season was the best for Mr. Cheramie and he felt it was due to the wise management of opening and closing the seasons.

Mr. Barry Flash, from Zone 1, asked for the latest possible date which would be May 29. He asked that the state be managed by zones and not statewide.

Mr. Timothy Schouest agreed that the Wildlife and Fisheries staff is doing a good job with the shrimp. He asked that Zone 2 be opened on Monday, May 8. If the Commission has the powers to close certain areas, Mr. Schouest felt these areas should be closed. Then he suggested going to a 68 count shrimp instead of the 100 count.

Mr. James Larrive from Zone 2 asked for a May 8th opening.

Mr. T Roy Bourg from Zone 2 stated if the season was open on May 8, there would be at least half of the moon. The shrimp in Zone 2 are different from other parts of the state and will move with the moon.

Mr. Rodney Olander from Zone 2 stated the shrimp are running bigger this year than last year. He asked that the season be opened on May 8.

Mr. Thomas Olander from Vermilion Bay area in Zone 2 stated the brown shrimp in their area usually stays fairly small. He asked that the season be open by May 8 or earlier if possible. If the season is delayed any further, the shrimp will be even smaller and the shrimpers will loose.

Mr. Russell Daigle stated the Delcambre area should be open on May 8 since he was seeing shrimp in the 31-35 range in the bays.

Fisherman's Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Association, representing fishermen primarily from Zone requested the Commission open Zone 2 on May 8. He summarized the consensus of speakers wanted Zone 2 open as soon as possible, they were not against a split opening if the other zones were not ready, and May 15 is too early to open Zone 1. The 50 percent criteria does not work for the Zone 1 area since the shrimp in that area do not leave as they do in Zone 2. Mr. Dekemel then recommended opening Zone 1 no earlier than May 22 and open Zone 2 on Monday, May 8.

Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. John Roussel for a Department recommendation based on the data presented by Mr. Schexnayder. Mr. Roussel stated the 50 percent, 100 count criteria has been the long

standing criteria used by the Department and by the Commission in making their recommendation. In recent years, the Department has recognized the opportunity to use alternative criteria. with the tradition of Monday openings, Mr. Roussel recommended opening Zone 1 on May 15, Zone 2 on May 8 and Zone 3 on May 8 all at 6:00 a.m. He then reminded the Commission they have opened the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds of Zone 1 earlier and the Department did not have a recommendation on that. Chairman Gattle stated that the 50 percent criteria is what should be used until it is changed. He felt a change could occur in the future if the Commission wished to do that. Also he stated his opinion would be to stay with the recommendation of the Department. Commissioner McCall agreed with the Chairman in keeping the 50 percent criteria for now and look at other opportunities to make a change in the coming year. Commissioner Kelly suggested looking at the people from Zone 1 that would favor a later opening inside the double rig line. Commissioner Delacroix asked if there was any data on the outside areas? Mr. Roussel stated there is no sampling program that covers the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds. Commissioner Delacroix then asked Mr. Dekemel if he had any reports? Mr. Dekemel reported on what happened in 1999 when Breton and Chandeleur did open earlier. The shrimp right at the starting point were still small, but further outside, there were good shrimp to be caught. He added his Association would not be opposed to opening outside the line on May 15, but hold the inside of the Zone until May 22.

Chairman Gattle stated the data shows Zone 1 would have 61 percent 100 count by May 15. He then asked Mr. Roussel to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Stone felt the opening outside waters of Zone 1 a week earlier than the inside waters would give the opportunity to gather data for changing the criteria used for the future. Commissioner Busbice agreed with Commissioner Stone. Chairman Gattle then asked Commissioner Stone make a motion based on his previous statement. Commissioner Stone made a motion to open Zones 2 and 3 on May 8, delay opening inside of Zone 1 until May 22, and open outside the line on May 15. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION 2000 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season

May 4, 2000

- WHEREAS, the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of shrimp in each zone reaching such a size that 50% or more of the shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and
- WHEREAS, current biological data project that 50% of the 2000 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 10, 2000, in Zone 2 by May 4, 2000 and in Zone 3 by May 8, 2000, and
- WHEREAS, on February 7, 2000 the Commission had closed that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission has received and considered public comment on season opening dates.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season as follows: Zone 1 at 6 a.m., May 22, 2000, except the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in the menhaden rule (LAC 76:VII.307D) which shall open at 6 a.m., May 15, 2000, Zone 2 and that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside shrimp line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou at 6 a.m., May 8, 2000 and Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line, at 6 a.m., May 8, 2000.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and

technical data indicate the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 spring Inshore Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6 a.m., May 22, 2000, except the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in the menhaden rule (LAC 76:VII.307D) which shall open at 6 a.m., May 15, 2000, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, as well as that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to Freshwater Bayou, all to open at 6 a.m., May 8, 2000, and

- Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line, to open at 6 a.m., May 8, 2000.

The Commission also hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any portion of the State's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

After a short break, Mr. Roussel announced Mr. Schexnayder would be leaving the Department. He would be working with the Cooperative Extension Service in Jefferson Parish and would be sorely missed. Mr. Roussel wished Mr. Schexnayder well. Chairman Gattle stated Mr. Schexnayder has done a good job and also wished him well.

The agenda item, Including Consideration of Special Season and Zone in Calcasieu Pass due to Dredging Conflicts was addressed as part of the Commission's decision to open Zone 3 shrimp season on Monday, May 8, 2000.

Public Comments - 2000-2001 Hunting Seasons & Regulations began with Mr. Tommy Prickett stating an issue came up at the last meeting that a still hunting area in Washington Parish be created. The season recommendation for this area has 50/50 division of still hunting and dog hunting days as in most of Area 1. Both sides of the issue spoke at the last meeting and provided maps showing areas that supported dog hunting and still hunting. Staff has been analyzing the maps and there were areas that both groups said represented their position. There were 35 tracts of land in question which staff called landowners asking for their position. From these 35 tracts, 17 landowners representing 2,225 acres were in favor of still hunting, 5 landowners representing 323 acres wanted dog hunting, 4 landowners representing 647 acres were neutral on the issue and 10 landowners representing 530 acres were unavailable. The area requested to be still hunting is a total of 35,419 acres. After looking at all of the data, 18,494 acres or 52 percent supports still hunting, 8,101 acres or 23 percent supports dog hunting, 8177 acres or 23 percent were not contacted, and 647 acres or 2 percent were neutral on the issue. Mr. Prickett then stated dog hunting is not a biological issue, but a social issue.

This area, which once was dairy and cattle country, is now becoming more urbanized. Action will be needed by the Commission in order to make the area a still hunting only area, stated Mr. Prickett. Chairman Gattle asked if action was needed now or should they wait until the rule was ratified? Mr. Prickett answered it was the Commission's option. Commissioner Busbice asked what area was removed from dog hunting to still hunting last year? Chairman Gattle then asked for public comments.

Mr. Randy Tony from Franklinton stated he hunts on a lease within the area. This problem has not just developed since last year, but has been an ongoing problem for 15 years. Discussions between the two groups have occurred, but to no avail. Mr. Tony stated there was no way to compel dog hunters to catch their dogs once they are on their land. Commissioner Busbice asked if the eastern and western borders are dog hunting areas? Mr. Prickett stated both areas to the Mississippi state line to the east and to the Mississippi River to the west allows dog hunting.

Mr. Mike Varnado stated he presented a petition at the last Commission meeting. He has been told by his family that dogs are running their cattle through the fences.

Mr. George Varnado stated he has been hunting on his father's land for about 10 years and knows this to be an ongoing problem. It has also caused problems in the community. The dog hunters from north of the area are running their dogs in his area. Mr. Varnado asked the Commission to either close all of the area to dog hunting or open it all to dog hunting. The quality of hunting has gone down in that area.

Mr. Ernie Loftus stated the issue of dog hunting is an issue of rights. He felt he should be able to hunt his land the way he wants to and he should have the right to keep dogs off. If the majority do not want dog hunting, then only still hunting should be allowed. Again, he asked that dog hunting be barred and make it a still hunting only area.

Mr. Jessie Strickland, resident of Mt. Herman, states he squirrel hunts on his own property where he is welcome. He stated he has no objection to hunters running their dogs as long as they run them on their own property. Mr. Strickland asked the Commission to now allow the running of dogs. Another reason to ask for still hunting only is the safety issues.

Mr. Chance Smith, representing Mt. Herman Hunting Club, stated his dad organized the hunting club and helped manage the deer herd. He stated he enjoyed running dogs while hunting. The issue of accidents was brought up at the last meeting and Mr. Smith stated no accidents have occurred such as dog runners run up and down the road, or shootings up and down the road. Other problems are with the local law enforcement, and the landowners have the right to enforce no trespassing laws. Still hunters state that they can not hunt when deer dogs are running, which Mr. Smith comments is wrong. The still hunters have more days to hunt than do dog hunters. The problem is not with the number of dog days or the laws, it is between two or three bad hunters that do not want to abide by the laws. Concluding, Mr. Smith asked that on behalf of the Mt. Herman Hunting Club, the Commission leave the dog season alone.

Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Prickett if the Department had a recommendation based on the research done? Mr. Prickett stated the Department did the fairest job possible in looking at the maps and evaluating the tracts that could not be contacted. The acreage for still hunting would amount to about 22,582 or 64 percent, 12,189 acres or 34 percent would be for dog hunting, and 2 percent are The single, largest tract of land in this area is about 3,000 and studies show that it takes a minimum of 5,000 acres to run dogs on with no problems. Mr. Prickett stated he would recommend the Commission go along with the proposal. He added that he knows the area having lived there and has seen the demographics change to large tracts of woodlands being broken up. Gattle reminded the Commissioners a motion would be needed to change the Notice of Intent to not allow dog hunting in this area. If there is no motion, then the season stands are currently proposed. Mr. Prickett stated he was surprised there were not more dog hunters at the meeting to speak and suggested the Commission take no action and give the dog hunters an opportunity to come to another meeting and give their opinion. Commissioner Stone stated the area down the middle of the proposal supports dog hunting while the fringed areas are opposed. Commissioner Busbice stated he understands the problem and knows it could be a very difficult decision to make. He added that he would like to hear from more dog hunters in the area. Commissioner Carver stated he would like to hear from dog hunters also. He noted that the majority does rule and in this situation the majority wants still hunting. Commissioner Stone stated he understands both sides situation, but there was a need to look at the numbers. Commissioner Carver asked if this proposal applied to deer hunting only? Mr. Prickett answered yes. Chairman Gattle commented dog hunters have rights just the same as still hunters do until it infringes upon the rights of others. He then asked if there was a motion to take action on the proposal and none were heard.

Mr. Prickett stated a report was compiled of all the public comments received thus far from five public hearings. no overwhelming mandates from the comments except a petition was received to amend the permanent blind regulation on wildlife management areas and 76 letters requesting livestock be allowed to graze on Dewey Wills WMA. A House Concurrent Resolution was adopted by the Legislature in 1999 to study the benefits, good or bad, of allowing grazing on Dewey Wills WMA. The results suggest uncontrolled grazing is in direct competition with wildlife resources. The staff is not recommending that either the blind regulation or grazing be changed. Commissioner Busbice asked if the people were wanting to allow cattle for grazing? Mr. Prickett stated they wanted livestock which includes cattle and hogs. Commissioner Carver asked if the livestock grazing would have a Mr. Prickett stated it would very much. biological impact? Commissioner Busbice asked if Dewey Wills was on the list for possible budget closures and he was told it is on the list.

Mr. Tommy Prickett also handled the next agenda item, Rule Ratification - Crawfishing on Agricultural Lands Within Sherburne A proposal was approved by the Commission to prohibit commercial crawfishing in the waterfowl impoundment areas on The public comment period has expired having Sherburne WMA. received no comments. The ratification of the rule would close commercial crawfishing on the East Farm portion of Sherburne, but would still allow commercial crawfishing on the remainder of Sherburne. Mr. Prickett explained the reasons behind the He did add that there is a real opportunity to prohibition. provide recreational crawfishing in that area. Then Mr. Prickett asked the Commission to ratify the rule. Commissioner McCall made a motion to ratify the Rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule are made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby repeal rules and regulations governing crawfishing activities on the agricultural lands on Sherburne WMA.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§177. Crawfishing on Agricultural Lands Within Sherburne WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:326.3. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:960 (September 1995), repealed LR (May 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

Present Deer Depredation Policy (Information Only) began with Mr. Dave Moreland stating this was a program to manage nuisance deer. This was developed from a directive by the Commission. Larry Savage lead the way for the Wildlife Division in this effort. There have been meetings with other agencies in the State and the Enforcement Division, and contacts have been made with other The policy is very detailed - requires a southeast agencies. development of nuisance management deer plans, and outlines the Department's responsibility. Nuisance deer has become a very serious problem throughout the southeast. Several areas in the state that have experienced problems included the city of Ruston, the Ruston airport, the DeRidder airport, and the Bluffs in St. Francisville. Commissioner Busbice asked if there have been any incidences occur at the airports? Chairman Gattle asked if action would be needed for implementation? Mr. Moreland stated no action was needed, but staff would like input and further direction in developing the policy. Commissioner Carver stated he would like the opportunity to study the policy.

Mr. Dave Moreland then handled the Notice of Intent - Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program. One of the major complaints

heard about DMAP is there is not a program for small landowners to receive antlerless deer tags for use during regular deer season. Through this program three groups of landowners would be allowed to receive tags and they are: licensed deer farmers with less than 500 acres; landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres and have verified deer depredation problems; and landowners with less than 500 acres and more than 40 acres enrolled in the Louisiana Forest This new program would not require any Stewardship Program. additional Department personnel. These groups are those which the Department are already making management plans for. There will be a \$25 administrative processing fee and approved applicants would be issued tags similar to DMAP that can be used during the regular deer season. Also, these groups will have to keep records of the deer they kill. Commissioner Busbice asked what was the policy for a DMAP club to call an office and request additional tags? Moreland explained the issuance of tags and the very rare occurrence of issuing additional tags. Chairman Gattle asked if a DMAP member kills all the does for which tags have been issued, can they participate in either sex hunt days? Mr. Moreland stated hunters can not participate in either sex days when all of their tags have been used. Chairman Gattle then asked if there are any licensed deer farmers with less than 500 acres and has DMAP status? Mr. Moreland stated there are two farms which are special cases. Chairman Gattle asked who are the administrators of the Louisiana Mr. Moreland stated there is a Forest Stewardship program? cooperative program between the Louisiana Office of Forestry and a forest stewardship biologist within the Department. Commissioner Busbice asked if Enforcement Division had a problem with the program? Mr. Moreland answered the landowners have to show that they are serious in completing the program. Major Brian Spillman explained also that the landowners have to complete their tasks and be a member of the program. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Moreland to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES May 4, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, May 4, 2000.

- WHEREAS, the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) is designed for landowners hunting clubs with 500 acres or more of land, and
- WHEREAS, one of the major complaints from the public concerning DMAP is that small landowners are not able to participate, and
- WHEREAS, individuals who possess an Alternative Livestock Program

 Permit and who have less than 500 acres are not eligible

 for antlerless deer tags, and
- WHEREAS, farmers who have severe deer depredation problems and do not have more than 500 acres of land cannot participate in DMAP and reduce their deer depredation problems through legal deer hunting by receiving antlerless deer tags, and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries presently has personnel who work with the Forest Stewardship Program, Alternative Livestock Program, and investigate deer depredation problems, and
- WHEREAS, this work involves habitat surveys and the creation of wildlife management plans for these three groups of landowners, and
- whereas, allowing these landowners the ability to harvest antlerless deer at any time during the regular deer season will help keep deer populations in balance with available habitat, will assist in reducing deer depredation complaints, and provide additional deer hunting opportunities for these landowners and their guests on small tracts of land in Louisiana, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Notice of Intent to establish the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a rule on participating in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

- §119. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program
- A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program:
- 1. Eligibility: The following landowners or lessees are eligible to participate in this program.
- a. Licensed Deer Farmers authorized to hunt deer by Department of Agriculture and Forestry and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

- b. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems and have met all of the requirements of LDWF as stated in the Nuisance Deer Management Program and who are dependent upon this commercial crop as a major source of income.
- c. Landowners with less than 500 acres and more than 40 acres enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program and who have a written wildlife management plan on file with LDWF.

2. Application Procedure

- a. Application for enrollment in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program must be submitted to the Deer Program personnel or Forest Stewardship Program personnel of LDWF prior to September 1. The application will become an official agreement between the applicant and LDWF.
- b. Each applicant will be assessed a \$25 administrative processing fee which must be paid prior to October 1.
- c. By enrollment in this program the applicant agrees to allow LDWF personnel access to their land for management surveys, investigations of violations and other inspections deemed appropriate by the Department.

3. Tags

- a. A fixed number of Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags will be provided by the department to each applicant that must be attached to each antlerless deer harvested during the regular deer season. These tags can be used only on the land for which they were issued and must be attached to all antlerless deer killed during the entire deer season including special either-sex days. Tag allotment for each applicant will be determined by Deer Program personnel.
- b. The total harvest of antlerless deer is restricted to that number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued. Once the number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued have been killed, all deer hunting will then be for bucks-only, even though there may be either-sex days later in the season for the Area at large. No additional tags will be issued to the applicant.

c. In order to harvest an antlerless deer, each hunter must have the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag in his possession while hunting on the property for which the tag was issued and immediately upon kill of an antlerless deer, the hunter must tag the animal through the hock. The deer must be tagged before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his domicile. The tag number will be recorded on the possession tag for the deer or any part(s) of the animal when divided and properly tagged among other individuals.

4. Records

- a. Approved applicants will keep daily records for all deer harvested as required by the Deer Program personnel. This information along with any unused tags will be submitted to the Deer Program or Forest Stewardship Program personnel by March 1. Information will include: Date of kill; Name of hunter; Hunting license # or date of birth of hunter, whichever applicable; Sex of animal; Landowner Antlerless Tag Number. Additional biological information from harvested deer may be required of some applicants for management purposes.
- b. Approved applicants will provide documentation of harvested deer during the season to Department personnel upon request. Applicants will be given 48 hours to provide this requested information.

5. Cancellation of Program

a. Failure of the approved applicant or other persons permitted to hunt on this property to follow these rules and regulations may result in cancellation of the program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. David Moreland, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, July 6, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

A Notice of Intent - DMAP Posting Requirements was presented by Mr. Dave Moreland. The posting issue was put on hold from last year's changes in the DMAP program. State law requires that all lands enrolled in DMAP be posted. The distance requirement was 200 feet which many cooperators felt was an expensive burden for them. The proposed rule changes were read by Mr. Moreland. Some of the changes included removing signs from lands no longer enrolled in DMAP, placing signs at 1,000 foot intervals and at every entry point onto the property, and clarifications concerning the suspension and cancellation of DMAP cooperators. Commissioner Busbice asked if an individual is on DMAP posted land, are they trespassing or do landowners have to put posted signs between the DMAP signs? Chairman Gattle asked if an Enforcement agent was the one to call for a DMAP trespass? Major Spillman explained the trespass laws and how landowners have to contact the District Attorney or Sheriff's Office for citing a violator. He did add that an Enforcement agent can not cite someone for trespassing unless a wildlife violation has occurred. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated they do not know how the courts are going to rule on the 1,000 foot posting yet. Commissioner Busbice asked how many DMAP violation hearings were held last year? Mr. Moreland thought it was six or seven. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Moreland to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice asked if information on the DMAP regulations and penalties were sent to the clubs? Mr. Philip Bowman stated within the Office of Wildlife, a special effort would be made to meet with every DMAP club and all of its members. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES May 4, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, May 4, 2000.

- WHEREAS, the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been a popular and successful deer management program for landowners and hunting clubs since its' initiation during the 1981-82 hunting season, and
- WHEREAS, rules governing DMAP were established by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in 1991, and
- WHEREAS, these rules were amended by the Commission in 1999 with the exception of the DMAP posting requirements, and
- WHEREAS, current DMAP posting regulations require that signs be posted every 200', and
- WHEREAS, hunting clubs and landowners have expressed the opinion that this is an expensive requirement for them, and
- WHEREAS, the DMAP posting requirement is in a separate section of Title 76 from the regular DMAP rules and regulations, and
- whereas, it has been determined that changes are necessary concerning the existing rules and regulations of DMAP posting and that these rules and regulations should be contained within Section 111 of Title 76, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Notice of Intent to amend the rules and regulations for the Deer Management Assistance Program is adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend rules and regulations governing participation in the deer management assistance program.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§109. Regulations for Signs and Sign Placement for DMAP Cooperators

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:111.1. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:78 (January 1991), repealed LR .

- §111. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program
- A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Deer Management Assistance Program

1. Application Procedure

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- e. Boundaries of lands enrolled in DMAP shall be clearly marked and posted with DMAP signs in compliance with R.S. 56:110 and the provisions of R. S. 56:110 are only applicable to property enrolled in DMAP. DMAP signs shall be removed if the land is no longer enrolled in DMAP. Rules and regulations for compliance with R. S. 56:110 are as follows:
- i. The color of DMAP signs shall be orange. The words DMAP and Posted shall be printed on the sign in letters no less than 4" (four inches) in height. Signs may be constructed of any material and minimum size is $11\ 1/4$ " x $11\ 1/4$ ".
- ii. Signs will be placed at 1000 foot intervals around the entire boundary of the property and at every entry point onto the property.

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B. Suspension and cancellation of DMAP Cooperators

- 1. Failure of the cooperator to follow these rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Failure to make a good faith attempt to follow harvest recommendations may also result in suspension and cancellation of the program.
- a. Suspension of Cooperator from DMAP Suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, including forfeiture of unused tags, will occur immediately for any misuse of tags, failure to tag any antlerless deer, or failure to submit records to the Department for examination in a timely fashion. Suspension of the Cooperator, including forfeiture of unused tags, may also occur immediately if other DMAP rules or wildlife regulations are violated. Upon suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request a Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hearing within 10 working days to appeal said suspension. Cooperation by the DMAP Cooperator with the investigation of the violation will be taken into account by the Department when considering cancellation of the program following a suspension for any of the above listed reasons. The Cooperator may be allowed to continue with the program on a

probational status if, in the judgement of the Department, the facts relevant to a suspension do not warrant cancellation.

b. Cancellation of cooperator from DMAP - Cancellation of a cooperator from DMAP may occur following a guilty plea or conviction for a DMAP rule or regulation violation by any individual or member hunting on the land enrolled in DMAP. The Cooperator may not be allowed to participate in DMAP for one year following the cancellation for such guilty pleas or conviction. Upon cancellation of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request an administrative hearing within 10 working days to appeal said cancellation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:204 (February 1991), amended LR 25:1656 (September 1999), LR.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m., July 6, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

The Commission decided to dispense with reading the Monthly Law Enforcement Report for April. Major Brian Spillman noted one correction, there should be a total of 84 cases reported instead of 33 cases. Also he stated there have been a lot of shrimp activity and the agents have been fairly successful in combating complaints

they have received. To summarize the shrimp activity, 40 boats had some type of violation and 19,183 pounds of shrimp were seized and sold for \$38,387. Commissioner McCall asked if Enforcement was involved in the abandoned shrimp boat in Vermilion Bay? Chairman Gattle stated at the Special Meeting held the week before, there were a lot of shrimpers that were complimentary of the agents and their efforts.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **September 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, September 7, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters. Commissioner Stone mentioned he would not be at the meeting.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any Public Comments. Secretary Jenkins stated the Department was scheduled to meet with the Joint Legislative House and Senate Natural Resources Committee the next Monday.

There being no further business, Commissioner Busbice made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

James H. Jenkins

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Secretary James Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the April 6, 2000 Commission Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Busbice and seconded by Commissioner Stone. motion passed with no opposition(/

Presentation of Scholarship Check by Louisiana Dog Hunters Association was handled by Mr. Dick Smith, President of the Association. The \$2,000 check, given to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation, was to be used to help a student with college. He added he hoped this contribution would be an annual donation. Mr. Smith then provided literature to each Commissioner. He added that the dog hunters are trying to keep a sport going that has been a way of life for a lot of hunters. Then he stated the drop in numbers of hunters will continue in the next 5 years unless the youth follows the way they hunt. Mr. Smith announced a five year/study was to be conducted on Kisatchie National Forest in 1980 on dog hunting and he felt the study was still in the office. He asked the Commission to open Kisatchie in Area 2 so those youth and hunters that can not afford leases will have an opportunity to hunt. The dates to hunt should be the same as the outside area. Chairman Gattle thanked Mr. Smith for his comments and the educational support of the Association.

Mr. Mark Schexnayder handled the Declaration of Emergency on the Setting 2000 Spring Shrimp Season. He began stating this was

the annual presentation of data collected for opening the shrimp season in all three zones. Overheads shown included a schematic of the life history of shrimp; shrimp landings for Louisiana for 1981 through 1999 (average equals 100 million pounds with heads-on); Louisiana landings by month for 1998 and 1999; 1999 shrimp caught in Louisiana; long term and short term catches for heads off shrimp; and shrimp gear license sales by year. The next/series of overheads dealt with hydrology and the effects of the drought Louisiana has been experiencing for the last year. These included: southeast Louisiana rainfall during poor and good production years; southeast Louisiana rainfall comparing 1999 and 2000 with the longterm average; Mississippi River discharge during the poor years and good years; Mississippi River discharge for 1999 and 2000; south Barataria Bay temperatures showing long term averages versus year 2000; south Barataria Bay daily water temperature deviations; south Barataria Bay April daily water temperatures; hours of water temperature below 68 degrees in south Barataria Bay; north Barataria Bay salinity; north Barataria Bay salinity deviations for February through April 2000; April 2000 tidal range; April brown shrimp nursery areas; brown shrimp catch effort in 6 foot trawls in Barataria Bay during April work weeks; mean size of shrimp in 6 foot trawls during April work weeks; catch effort for week 18, 2000 in all zones; and mean size for all zones for week 18, 2000. The projected growth rate for the criteria used for Zone 1 showed 15 percent were at 100 count or larger on May 1; on May 8 - 37 percent; May 15 - 61 percent; and May 22 - 77 percent. For Zone 2, the growth rate showed May 1 was 43 percent at 100 count or larger; May 8 -/61 percent; May 15 - 77 percent and May 22 - 90 percent. Zone 3 s growth rate showed May-1 had 14 percent available; May 8 -50 percent and May 15 - 73 percent. Projections for a statewide opening showed May 1 had 41 percent at 100 count; May 8 - 60 percent; May 15 76 percent and May 22 - 90 percent. overhead shown was the predicted tidal ranges for May 2000. Chairman Gattle then opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Jessie Jenkins asked that Zone 1 be opened on May 15. He added that the outside waters could be opened sooner.

Mr. Justin Schouest from Zone 2 stated he has heard there is nice shrimp and asked that the season be opened on Monday, May 8. If the bayous and lakes were still holding small shrimp, Mr. Schouest asked that these areas remain closed.

Mr. George Terrebonne, The Seafood Shed, stated the season should have opened a week ago. He recommended the season open no later than May 8 and leave the bayous open.

Mr. Tim Kerner, Mayor, town of Jean Lafitte, stated a Resolution was passed by the Senate asking the Commission open Zone 2 on May 8. He asked that the season be open according to the data so the smaller fishermen can fish and make a living.

Mr. Chris Hansen stated he bought shrimp the day before in the 50-60 size and asked that the season open on May 8.

Mr. Pete Gerica, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, asked that Zone 1 be opened as late as possible. He stated that there are a lot of small shrimp in his area. Mr. Gerica suggested changing the 50 percent criteria to possibly 68 percent in order to help the fishermen financially. If there has to be a statewide opening, he asked that Lake Pontchartrain stay closed for an additional two weeks.

Mr. Gene Adams stated Zone 2 should have been open the prior Monday. He felt it would be too late to open the season on Monday, May 8. He concluded by asking that the season be open on May 8.

Mr. Larry Rhodes, Cajun Brothers Seafood, began stating that everyone depends on one resource and that is shrimp. Over the last 8 years, the wholesaler ends up with a lot of small shrimp that cannot be sold and prices that will not help the fisherman or him. If the season is open early, only a handful of people in the industry would make money, commented Mr. Rhodes. He added that 100 count shrimp does not make money for anyone. Then he asked that the season stay closed so the shrimp could grow.

Mr. Neddy Cheramie, a shrimper from Zone 2, stated he served on the Louisiana Shrimp Industry Review Panel in 1998 and 1999 and his attitude has since changed toward the shrimp industry. He added that he has great respect for the Department's staff. Mr. Cheramie works out of Fourchon and has seen a lot of shrimp moving out into the Gulf earlier than usual. He recommended opening Zone 2 at least by May 8. The 1999 season was the best for Mr. Cheramie and he felt it was due to the wise management of opening and closing the seasons.

Mr. Barry Flash, from Zone 1, asked for the latest possible date which would be May 29. He asked that the state be managed by zones and not statewide.

Mr. Timothy Schouest agreed that the Wildlife and Fisheries staff is doing a good job with the shrimp. He asked that Zone 2 be opened on Monday, May 8. If the Commission has the powers to close certain areas, Mr. Schouest felt these areas should be closed. Then he suggested going to a 68 count shrimp instead of the 100 count.

Mr. James Larrive from Zone 2 asked for a May 8th opening.

Mr. T Roy Bourg from Zone 2 stated if the season was open on May 8, there would be at least half of the moon. The shrimp in Zone 2 are different from other parts of the state and will move with the moon.

Mr. Rodney Olander from Zone 2 stated the shrimp are running bigger this year than last year. He asked that the season be opened on May 8.

Mr. Thomas Olander from Vermilion Bay area in Zone 2 stated the brown shrimp in their area usually stays fairly small. He asked that the season be open by May 8 or earlier if possible. If the season is delayed any further, the shrimp will be even smaller and the shrimpers will loose.

Mr. Russell Daigle stated the Delcambre area should be open on May 8 since he was seeing shrimp in the 31-35 range in the bays.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, representing fishermen primarily from Zone 1, requested the Commission open Zone 2 on May 8. He summarized the consensus of speakers wanted Zone 2 open as soon as possible, they were not against a split opening if the other zones were not ready, and May 15 is too early to open Zone 1. The 50 percent criteria does not work for the Zone 1 area since the shrimp in that area do not leave as they do in Zone 2. Mr. Dekemel then recommended opening Zone 1 no earlier than May 22 and open Zone 2 on Monday, May 8.

Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. John Roussel for a Department recommendation based on the data presented by Mr. Schexnayder. Mr. Roussel stated the 50 percent, 100 count criteria has been the long

standing criteria used by the Department and by the Commission in making their recommendation. In recent years, the Department has recognized the opportunity to use alternative criteria. with the tradition of Monday openings, Mr. Roussel recommended opening Zone 1 on May 15, Zone 2 on May 8 and Zone 3 on May 8 all at 6:00 a.m. He then reminded the Commission they have opened the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds of Zone 1 earlier and the Department did not have a recommendation on that. Chairman Gattle stated that the 50 percent criteria is what should be used until it is changed. He felt a change could occur in the future if the Commission wished to do that. Also he stated his opinion would be to stay with the recommendation of the Department. Commissioner McCall agreed with the Chairman in keeping the 50 percent criteria for now and look at other opportunities to make a change in the coming year. Commissioner Kelly suggested looking at the people from Zone 1 that would favor a later opening inside the double rig line. Commissioner Delacroix asked if there was any data on the outside areas? Mr. Roussel stated there is no sampling program that covers the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds. Commissioner Delacroix then asked Mr. Dekemel if he had any reports? Mr. Dekemel reported on what happened in 1999 when Breton and Chandeleur did open earlier. The shrimp right at the starting/point were still small, but further outside, there were good shrimp to be caught. He added his Association would not be opposed to opening outside the line on May 15, but hold the inside of the Zone until May 22.

Chairman Gattle stated the data shows Zone 1 would have 61 percent 100 count by May 15. He then asked Mr. Roussel to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Stone felt the opening outside waters of Zone 1 a week earlier than the inside waters would give the opportunity to gather data for changing the criteria used for the future. Commissioner Busbice agreed with Commissioner Stone. Chairman Gattle then asked Commissioner Stone make a motion based on his previous statement. Commissioner Stone made a motion to open Zones 2 and 3 on May 8, delay opening inside of Zone 1 until May 22, and open outside the line on May 15. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
2000 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season

May 4, 2000

- WHEREAS, the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of shrimp in each zone reaching such a size that 50% or more of the shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and
- WHEREAS, current biological data project that 50% of the 2000 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 10, 2000, in Zone 2 by May 4, 2000 and in Zone 3 by May 8, 2000, and
- WHEREAS, on February 7, 2000 the Commission had closed that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission has received and considered public comment on season opening dates.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season as follows: Zone 1 at 6 a.m., May 22, 2000, except the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in the menhaden rule (LAC 76:VII.307D) which shall open at 6 a.m., May 15, 2000, Zone 2 and that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside shrimp line as described in R-S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou at 6 a.m., May 8, 2000 and Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line, at 6 a.m., May 8, 2000.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and

technical data indicate the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 spring Inshore Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6 a.m., May 22, 2000, except the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in the menhaden rule (LAC 76:VII 307D) which shall open at 6 a.m., May 15, 2000, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, as well as that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to Freshwater Bayou, all to open at 6 a.m., May 8, 2000, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line, to open at 6 a.m., May 8, 2000.

The Commission also hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any portion of the State's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

After a short break, Mr. Roussel announced Mr. Schexnayder would be leaving the Department. He would be working with the Cooperative Extension Service in Jefferson Parish and would be sorely missed. Mr. Roussel wished Mr. Schexnayder well. Chairman Gattle stated Mr. Schexnayder has done a good job and also wished him well.

The agenda item, Including Consideration of Special Season and Zone in Calcasieu Pass due to Dredging Conflicts was addressed as part of the Commission's decision to open Zone 3 shrimp season on Monday, May 8, 2000.

Public Comments /2000-2001 Hunting Seasons & Regulations began with Mr. Tommy Prickett stating an issue came up at the last meeting that a still hunting area in Washington Parish be created. The season recommendation for this area has 50/50 division of still hunting and dog hunting days as in most of Area 1. Both sides of the issue spoke at the last meeting and provided maps showing areas that supported dog hunting and still hunting. Staff has been analyzing the maps and there were areas that both groups said represented their position. There were 35 tracts of land in question which staff called landowners asking for their position. From these 35 tracts, 17 landowners representing 2,225 acres were in favor of still hunting, 5 landowners representing 323 acres wanted dog hunting, 4 landowners representing 647 acres were neutral on the issue and 10 landowners representing 530 acres were unavailable. The area requested to be still hunting is a total of 35,419 acres. After looking at all of the data, 18,494 acres or 52 percent supports still hunting, 8,101 acres or 23 percent supports dog hunting, 8177 acres or 23 percent were not contacted, and 647 acres or 2 percent were neutral on the issue. Mr. Prickett then stated dog hunting is not a biological issue, but a social issue.

This area, which once was dairy and cattle country, is now becoming more urbanized. Action will be needed by the Commission in order to make the area a still hunting only area, stated Mr. Prickett. Chairman Gattle asked if action was needed now or should they wait until the rule was ratified? Mr. Prickett answered it was the Commission's option. Commissioner Busbice asked what area was removed from dog hunting to still hunting last year? Chairman Gattle then asked for public comments.

Mr. Randy Tony from Franklinton stated he hunts on a lease within the area. This problem has not just developed since last year, but has been an ongoing problem for 15 years. Discussions between the two groups have occurred, but to no avail. Mr. Tony stated there was no way to compel dog hunters to catch their dogs once they are on their land. Commissioner Busbice asked if the eastern and western borders are dog hunting areas? Mr. Prickett stated both areas to the Mississippi state line to the east and to the Mississippi River to the west allows dog hunting.

Mr. Mike Varnado stated he presented a petition at the last Commission meeting. He has been told by his family that dogs are running their cattle through the fences:

Mr. George Varnado stated he has been hunting on his father's land for about 10 years and knows this to be an ongoing problem. It has also caused problems in the community. The dog hunters from north of the area are running their dogs in his area. Mr. Varnado asked the Commission to either close all of the area to dog hunting or open it all to dog hunting. The quality of hunting has gone down in that area.

Mr. Ernie Loftus stated the issue of dog hunting is an issue of rights. He felt he should be able to hunt his land the way he wants to and he should have the right to keep dogs off. If the majority do not want dog hunting, then only still hunting should be allowed. Again, he asked that dog hunting be barred and make it a still hunting only area.

Mr. Jessie Strickland, resident of Mt. Herman, states he squirrel hunts on his own property where he is welcome. He stated he has no objection to hunters running their dogs as long as they run them on their own property. Mr. Strickland asked the Commission to now allow the running of dogs. Another reason to ask for still hunting only is the safety issues.

Mr. Chance Smith, representing Mt. Herman Hunting Club, stated his dad organized the hunting club and helped manage the deer herd. He stated he enjoyed running dogs while hunting. The issue of accidents was brought up at the last meeting and Mr. Smith stated no accidents have occurred such as dog runners run up and down the road, or shootings up and down the road. Other problems are with the local law enforcement, and the landowners have the right to enforce no trespassing laws. Still hunters state that they can not hunt when deer dogs are running, which Mr. Smith comments is wrong. The still hunters have more days to hunt than do dog hunters. The problem is not with the number of dog days or the laws, it is between two or three bad hunters that do not want to abide by the laws. Concluding, Mr. Smith asked that on behalf of the Mt. Herman Hunting Club, the Commission leave the dog season alone.

Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Prickett if the Department had a recommendation based on the research done? Mr. Prickett stated the Department did the fairest job possible in looking at the maps and evaluating the tracts that could not be contacted. The acreage for still hunting would amount to about 22,582 or 64 percent, 12,189 acres or 34 percent would be for dog hunting / and 2 percent are neutral. The single, largest tract of land in this area is about 3,000 and studies show that it takes a minimum of 5,000 acres to run dogs on with no problems. // Mr. Prickett stated he would recommend the Commission go along with the proposal. He added that he knows the area having/lived there and has seen the demographics change to large tracts of woodlands being broken up. Chairman Gattle reminded the Commissioners a motion would be needed to change the Notice of Intent to not allow dog hunting in this area. If there is no motion, then the season stands are currently proposed. Mr. Prickett stated he was surprised there were not more dog hunters at the meeting to speak and suggested the Commission take no action and give the dog hunters an opportunity to come to another meeting and give their opinion. Commissioner Stone stated the area down the middle of the proposal supports dog hunting while the fringed areas are opposed. Commissioner Busbice stated he understands the /problem and knows it could be a very difficult decision to make. He added that he would like to hear from more dog hunters in the area. Commissioner Carver stated he would like to hear from dog hunters also. He noted that the majority does rule and in this situation the majority wants still hunting. Commissioner Stone stated he understands both sides of situation, but there was a need to look at the numbers. Commissioner Carver asked if this proposal applied to deer hunting only? Mr. Prickett answered yes. Chairman Gattle commented dog

hunters have rights just the same as still hunters do until it infringes upon the rights of others. He then asked if there was a motion to take action on the proposal and none were heard.

Mr. Prickett stated a report was compiled of all the public comments received thus far from five public hearings. There were no overwhelming mandates from the comments except a petition was received to amend the permanent blind regulation on wildlife management areas and 76 letters requesting livestock be allowed to graze on Dewey Wills WMA. A House Concurrent Resolution was adopted by the Legislature in 1999 to study the benefits, good or bad, of allowing grazing on Dewey Wills WMA. The results suggest uncontrolled grazing is in direct competition with wildlife The staff is not recommending that either the blind regulation or grazing be changed. Commissioner Busbice asked if the people were wanting to allow cattle for grazing? Mr. Prickett stated they wanted livestock which includes cattle and hogs. Commissioner Carver asked if the livestock grazing would have a Mr. Prickett stated it would very much. biological impact? Commissioner Busbice asked if Dewey Wills was on the list for possible budget closures and he was told it is on the list.

Mr. Tommy Prickett also handled the next agenda item, Rule Ratification - Crawfishing on Agricultural Lands Within Sherburne A proposal was approved by the Commission to prohibit commercial crawfishing in the waterfowl impoundment areas on Sherburne WMA. The public comment period has expired having received no comments. The ratification of the rule would close commercial crawfishing on the East Farm portion of Sherburne, but would still allow commercial crawfishing on the remainder of Sherburne. Mr. Prickett explained the reasons behind the prohibition. He did add that there is a real opportunity to provide recreational crawfishing in that area. Then Mr. Prickett asked the Commission to ratify the rule. Commissioner McCall made a motion to ratify the Rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule are made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby repeal rules and regulations governing crawfishing activities on the agricultural lands on Sherburne WMA.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

\$177. Crawfishing on Agricultural Lands Within Sherburne WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:326.3. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:960 (September 1995), repealed LR (May 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

Present Deer Depredation Policy (Information Only) began with Mr. Dave Moreland stating this was a program to manage nuisance deer. This was developed from a directive by the Commission. Larry Savage lead the way for the Wildlife Division in this effort. There have been meetings with other agencies in the State and the Enforcement Division, and contacts have been made with other southeast agencies. The policy is very detailed - requires a development of nuisance management deer plans, and outlines the Department's responsibility. Nuisance deer has become a very serious problem throughout the southeast. Several areas in the state/that have experienced problems included the city of Ruston, the Ruston airport the DeRidder airport, and the Bluffs in St. Francisville. Commissioner Busbice asked if there have been any incidences occur/at the airports? Chairman Gattle asked if action would be needed for implementation? Mr. Moreland stated no action was needed, but staff would like input and further direction in developing the policy. Commissioner Carver stated he would like the opportunity to study the policy.

Mr. Dave Moreland then handled the Notice of Intent - Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program. One of the major complaints

heard about DMAP is there is not a program for small landowners to receive antlerless deer tags for use during regular deer season. Through this program three groups of landowners would be allowed to receive tags and they are: licensed deer farmers with less than 500 acres; landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres and have verified deer depredation problems; and landowners with less than 500 acres and more than 40 acres enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program. This new program would /not require any additional Department personnel. These groups are those which the Department are already making management plans for. There will be a \$25 administrative processing fee and approved applicants would be issued tags similar to DMAP that can be used during the regular deer season. Also, these groups will have to keep records of the deer they kill. Commissioner Busbice asked what was the policy for a DMAP club to call an office and request additional tags? Moreland explained the issuance of tags and the very rare occurrence of issuing additional tags. Chairman Gattle asked if a DMAP member kills all the does for which tags have been issued, can they participate in either sex hunt days? Mr. Moreland stated hunters can not participate in either sex days, when all of their tags have been used. Chairman Gattle then asked if there are any licensed deer farmers with less than 500 acres and has DMAP status? Mr. Moreland stated there are two farms which are special cases. Chairman Gattle asked who are the administrators of the Louisiana Forest Stewardship program? /Mr. Moreland stated there is a cooperative program between the Louisiana Office of Forestry and a forest stewardship biologist /within the Department. Commissioner Busbice asked if Enforcement Division had a problem with the program? Mr. Moreland answered the landowners have to show that they are serious in completing the program. Major Brian Spillman explained also that the landowners have to complete their tasks and be a member of the program. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Moreland to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES May 4, 2000 The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, May 4, 2000.

- whereas, the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) is designed for landowners hunting clubs with 500 acres or more of land, and
- WHEREAS, one of the major complaints from the public concerning DMAP is that small landowners are not able to participate, and
- WHEREAS, individuals who possess an Alternative Livestock Program
 Permit and who have less than 500 acres are not eligible
 for antlerless deer tags, and
- whereas, farmers who have severe deer depredation problems and do not have more than 500 acres of land cannot participate in DMAP and reduce their deer depredation problems through legal deer hunting by receiving antlerless deer tags, and
- whereas, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries presently has personnel who work with the Forest Stewardship Program, Alternative Livestock Program, and investigate deer depredation problems, and
- WHEREAS, this work involves habitat surveys and the creation of wildlife management plans for these three groups of landowners, and
- whereas, allowing these landowners the ability to harvest antlerless deer at any time during the regular deer season will help keep deer populations in balance with available habitat, will assist in reducing deer depredation complaints, and provide additional deer hunting opportunities for these landowners and their guests on small tracts of land in Louisiana, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Notice of Intent to establish the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary Department of Wildinge and Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a rule on participating in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§119. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program

- A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program:
- 1. Eligibility: The following landowners or lessees are eligible to participate in this program.
- a. Licensed Deer Farmers authorized to hunt deer by Department of Agriculture and Forestry and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

- b. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems and have met all of the requirements of LDWF as stated in the Nuisance Deer Management Program and who are dependent upon this commercial crop as a major source of income.
- c. Landowners with less than 500 acres and more than 40 acres enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program and who have a written wildlife management plan on fide with LDWF.

2. Application Procedure

Tags

- a. Application for enrollment in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program must be submitted to the Deer Program personnel or Forest Stewardship Program personnel of LDWF-prior to September 1. The application will become an official agreement between the applicant and LDWF.
- b. Each applicant will be assessed a \$25 administrative processing fee which must be paid prior to October 1.
- c. By enrollment in this program the applicant agrees to allow LDWF personnel access to their land for management surveys, investigations of violations and other inspections deemed appropriate by the Department:

a. A fixed number of Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags will be provided by the department to each applicant that must be attached to each antlerless deer harvested during the regular deer season. These tags can be used only on the land for which they were issued and must be attached to all antlerless deer killed during the entire deer season including special either-sex days. Tag allotment for each applicant will be determined by Deer Program personnel.

b. The total harvest of antlerless deer is restricted to that number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued. Once the number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued have been killed, all deer hunting will then be for bucks-only, even though there may be either-sex days later in the season for the Area at large. No additional tags will be issued to the applicant.

c. In order to harvest an antlerless deer, each hunter must have the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag in his possession while hunting on the property for which the tag was issued and immediately upon kill of an antlerless deer, the hunter must tag the animal through the hock. The deer must be tagged before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his/domicile. The tag number will be recorded on the possession tag for the deer or any part(s) of the animal when divided and properly tagged among other individuals.

4. Records

- a. Approved applicants will keep daily records for all deer harvested as required by the Deer Program personnel. This information along with any unused tags will be submitted to the Deer Program or Forest Stewardship Program personnel by March 1. Information will include: Date of kill; Name of hunter; Hunting license # or date of birth of hunter, whichever applicable; Sex of animal; Landowner Antlerless Tag Number. Additional biological information from harvested deer may be required of some applicants for management purposes.
- b. Approved applicants will provide documentation of harvested deer during the season to Department personnel upon request. Applicants will be given 48 hours to provide this requested information.

5. Cancellation of Program

a. Failure of the approved applicant or other persons permitted to hunt on this property to follow these rules and regulations may result in cancellation of the program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. David Moreland, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, July 6, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

A Notice of Intent - DMAP Posting Requirements was presented by Mr. Dave Moreland. The posting issue was put on hold from last year's changes in the DMAP program. State law requires that all lands enrolled in DMAP be posted. The distance requirement was 200 feet which many cooperators felt was an expensive burden for them. The proposed rule changes were read by Mr. Moreland. Some of the changes included removing signs from lands no longer enrolled in DMAP, placing signs at 1,000 foot/intervals and at every entry point onto the property//and/clarifications concerning the suspension and cancellation of DMAP cooperators. Commissioner Busbice asked if an individual is on DMAP posted land, are they trespassing or do landowners have to put posted signs between the DMAP signs? Chairman Gattle asked if an Enforcement agent was the one to call for a DMAP trespass? / Major Spillman explained the trespass laws and how landowners have to contact the District Attorney or Sheriff's Office for citing a violator. He did add that an Enforcement agent can not cite someone for trespassing unless a wildlife violation has occurred. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated they do not know how the courts are going to rule on the 1,000 foot posting yet. Commissioner Busbice asked how many DMAP violation hearings were held last year? Mr. Moreland thought it was six or seven! / Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Moreland to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice asked if/information on the DMAP regulations and penalties were sent to the clubs? Mr. Philip Bowman stated within the Office of Wildlife, a special effort would be made to meet with every DMAP club and all of its members. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

May 4, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, May 4, 2000.

- WHEREAS, the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been a popular and successful deer management program for landowners and hunting clubs since its' initiation during the 1981-82 hunting season, and
- WHEREAS, rules governing DMAP were established by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in/1991, and
- whereas, these rules were amended by the Commission in 1999 with the exception of the DMAP posting requirements, and
- WHEREAS, current DMAP posting regulations require that signs be posted every 200', and
- WHEREAS, hunting clubs and landowners have expressed the opinion that this is an expensive requirement for them, and
- WHEREAS, the DMAP posting requirement is in a separate section of Title 76 from the regular DMAP rules and regulations, and
- whereas, it has been determined that changes are necessary concerning the existing rules and regulations of DMAP posting and that these rules and regulations should be contained within Section 111 of Title 76, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Notice of Intent to amend the rules and regulations for the Deer Management Assistance Program is adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James Ĥ. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT.

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend rules and regulations governing participation in the deer management assistance program.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§109. Regulations for Signs and Sign Placement for DMAP Cooperators

Répealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:111.1. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:78 (January 1991), repealed LR.

Sill. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Deer Management Assistance Program

1. Application Procedure

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- e. Boundaries of lands enrolled in DMAP shall be clearly marked and posted with DMAP signs in compliance with R.S. 56:110 and the provisions of R. S. 56:110 are only applicable to property enrolled in DMAP. DMAP signs shall be removed if the land is no longer enrolled in DMAP. Rules and regulations for compliance with R. S. 56:110 are as follows:
- i. The color of DMAP signs shall be orange. The words DMAP and Posted shall be printed on the sign in letters no less than 4" (four inches) in height. Signs may be constructed of any material and minimum size is 11 1/4" x 11 1/4".
- ii. Signs will be placed at 1000 foot intervals around the entire boundary of the property and at every entry point onto the property.

B. Suspension and cancellation of DMAP Cooperators

- 1. Failure of the cooperator to follow these rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Failure to make a good faith attempt to follow harvest recommendations may also result in suspension and cancellation of the program.
- a. Suspension of Cooperator from DMAP Suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, including forfeiture of unused tags, will occur immediately for any misuse of tags, failure to tag any antlerless deer or failure to submit records to the Department for examination in a timely fashion. Suspension of the Cooperator, including forfeiture of unused tags, may also occur immediately if other DMAP rules or wildlife regulations are violated. Upon suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request a Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hearing within 10 working days to appeal said suspension. Cooperation by the DMAP Cooperator with the investigation of the violation will be taken into account by the Department when considering cancellation of the program following a suspension for any of the above listed reasons. The Cooperator may be allowed to continue with the program on a

probational status if, in the judgement of the Department, the facts relevant to a suspension do not warrant cancellation.

b. Cancellation of cooperator from DMAP - Cancellation of a cooperator from DMAP may occur following a guilty plea or conviction for a DMAP rule or regulation violation by any individual or member hunting on the land enrolled in DMAP. The Cooperator may not be allowed to participate in DMAP for one year following the cancellation for such guilty pleas or conviction. Upon cancellation of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request an administrative hearing within 10 working days to appeal said cancellation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:204 (February 1991), amended LR 25:1656 (September 1999), LR.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m., July 6, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set/out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

The Commission decided to dispense with reading the Monthly Law Enforcement Report for April. Major Brian Spillman noted one correction, there should be a total of 84 cases reported instead of 33 cases. Also he stated there have been a lot of shrimp activity and the agents have been fairly successful in combating complaints

they have received. To summarize the shrimp activity, 40 boats had some type of violation and 19,183 pounds of shrimp were seized and sold for \$38,387. Commissioner McCall asked if Enforcement was involved in the abandoned shrimp boat in Vermilion Bay? Chairman Gattle stated at the Special Meeting held the week before, there were a lot of shrimpers that were complimentary of the agents and their efforts.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **September 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, September 7, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters. Commissioner Stone mentioned he would not be at the meeting.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any Public Comments. Secretary Jenkins stated the Department was scheduled to meet with the Joint Legislative House and Senate Natural Resources Committee the next Monday.

There being no further business Commissioner Busbice made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

James H. Jenkins, Jr. Secretary

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Shrimpers happy with LWFC decision

By JOE MACALUSO Advocate outdoors writer

The nearly 100 shrimpers attending Thursday's Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting applauded the commission's decision on the opening dates of the spring brown shrimp season.

"That's the first time I can remember when it looks like we made everyone happy," Wildlife and Fisheries assistant secretary John Roussel said.

The commission's vote closely paralleled state law and the shrimp industry standard that the seasons not open until 50 percent of the brown shrimp in each of the three zones are more than 100 to the pound.

State biologists projected those dates at May 10 in Zone 1, May 4 in Zone 2 and May 8 in Zone 3,

With one exception, the commission followed that guideline. The LWFC voted to open Zones 2 and 3 at 6 a.m. Monday, but split Zone 1 into two dates, May 15 and May 22.

The difference in Zone 1 was based on public testimony from shrimpers Pete Gerica and Bill Decamel, who represent the two largest fishermen's organizations on the east side of the Mississippi River. Zone 1 encompasses the area from the Louisiana-Mississippi line to Southwest Pass of the Mississippi River.

Gerica and Decamel asked the commission for a later date in the northern waters of Zone 1 because a later date would guarantee them larger shrimp.

The commission voted to open the Breton and Chandeler sounds on May 15. All other waters in the zone, including Lakes Pontchartrain, Borgne and St. Catherine will open May 22.

"Our area is not like the other two zones. When shrimp get into our waters they stay there and grow. They don't move with the moon phases like in

Zone 2," Gerica said. "We would like to hold the shrimp because larger shrimp bring a better price."

Decamel said small shrimp taken in the early days of last spring's season earned 38 cents a pound at the dock.

"If we let them grow, then 38 cents might grow to \$3 a pound when they get larger. If you wait two weeks, those 38-cent shrimp might get to be \$40 total," Decamel said.

The other 19 shrimpers who addressed the commission said shrimp as large a 40-50 to the pound are showing up at docks Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes and asked for as early an opening date as the commission could give them.

The May 8 date was agreeable to them.

State shrimp study leader Mark Schexnayer said he was "cautiously optimistic" about an above-average brown shrimp season. He told the commission all environmental factors -- rainfall, river discharge, water temperature and salinity and grown rates -- were favorable, even at unforeseen levels over the last 10 years.

Other commission action included:

- Ratifying recreational crawfishing only in the East Farm area of Sherburne Wildlife Management Area;
- Hearing suggestions for implementation of a nuisance deer management program;
- Approving Notices of Intent for a new Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program and new regulations for the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP), to include a new 1,000-foot rule for posting DMAP signs;
- Accepting a \$2,000 donation from the Louisiana Dog Hunters Association for a student scholarship;
- Hearing further comments on a continuing battle between deer hunters in Washington Parish over the use of dogs for deer hunting;
- And, voting for a Sept. 7 meeting date.

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COMMISSION MEETING ROLL CALL

Thursday, May 4, 2000 Baton Rouge, LA Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Tom Gattle (Chairman)	<u> </u>	
Tom Kelly	\checkmark	
Bill Busbice	<u>~</u>	
Glynn Carver	<u> </u>	
Norman McCall	\checkmark	
Warren Delacroix	<u> </u>	
Jerry Stone	<u> </u>	

Mr. Chairman:

There are _____ Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum. Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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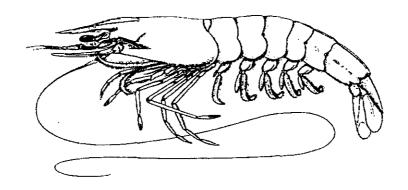
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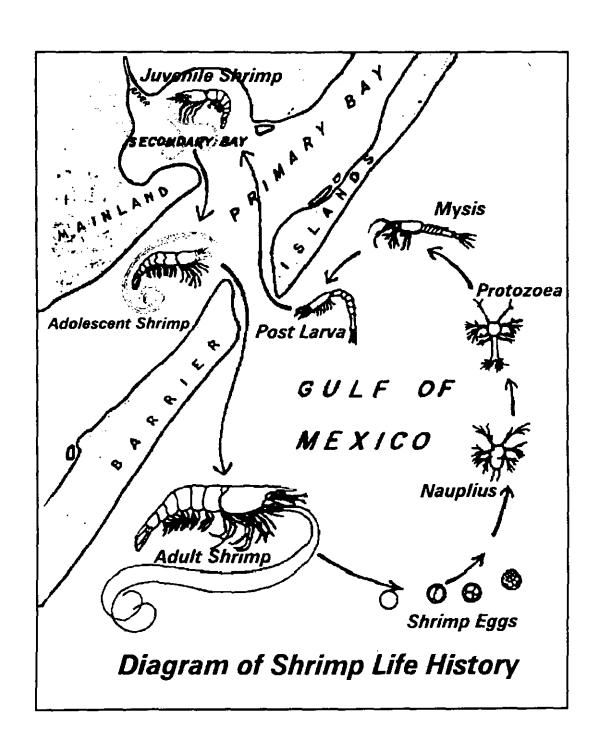
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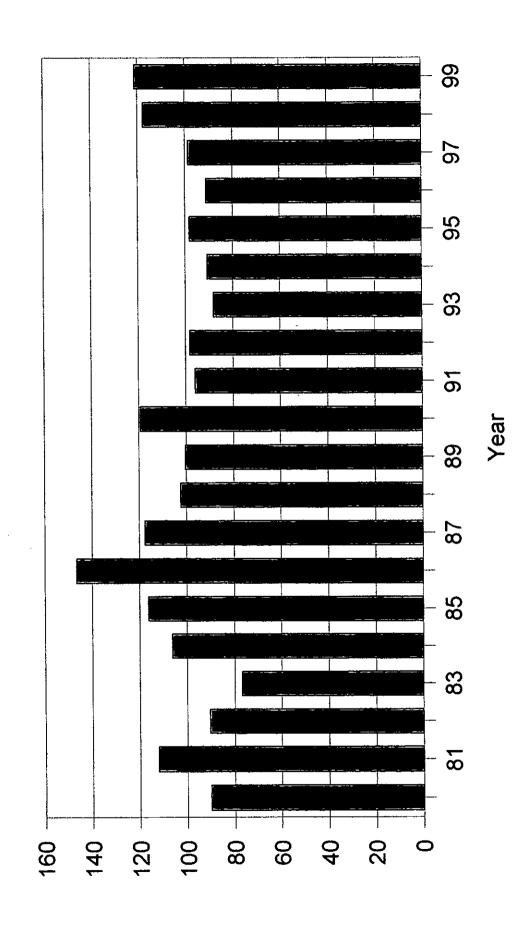
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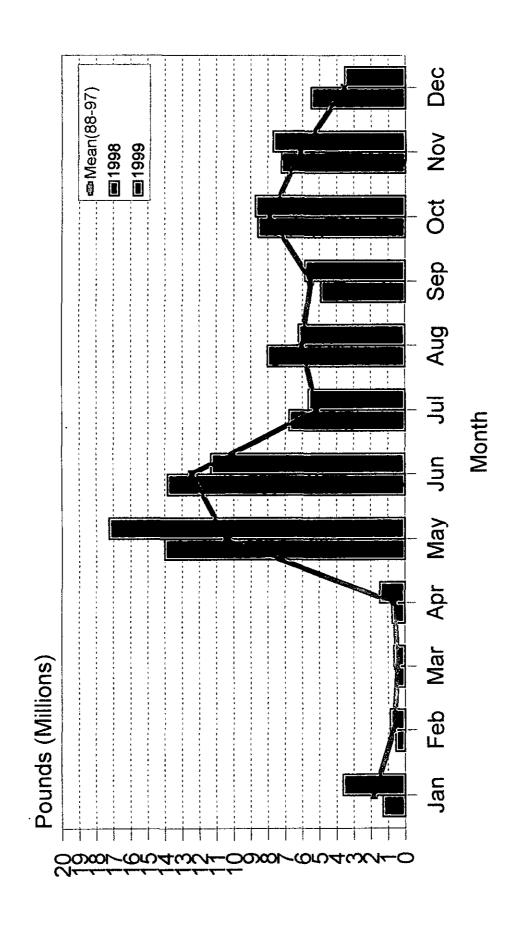
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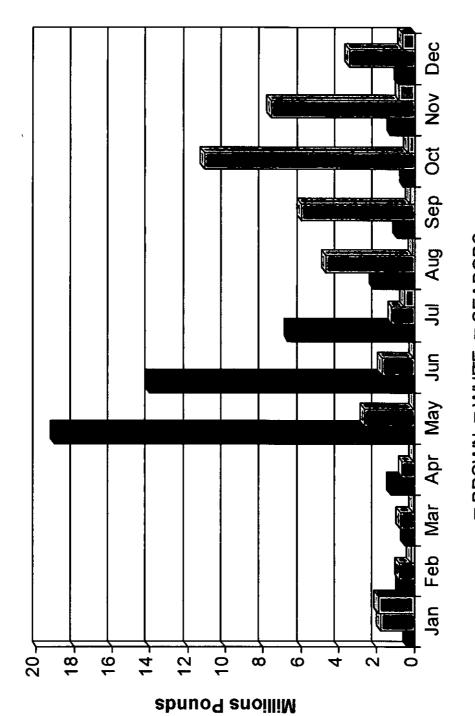
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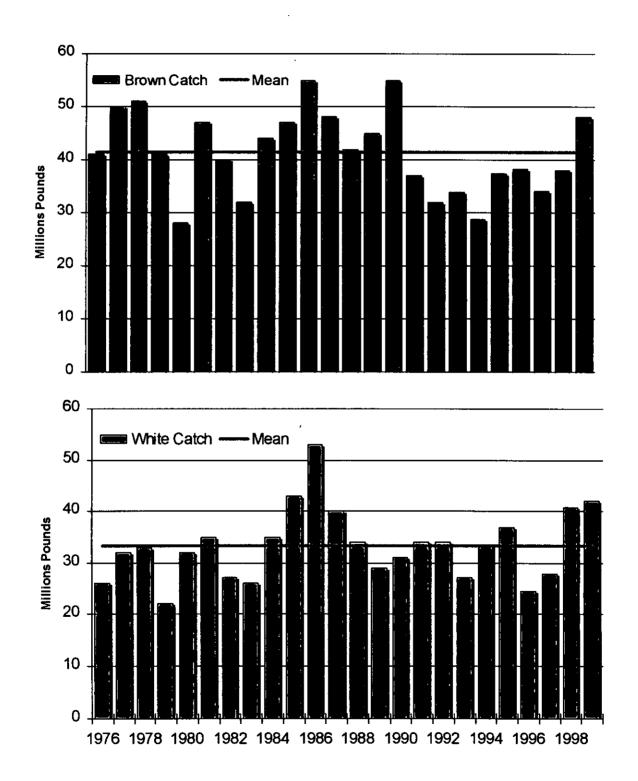
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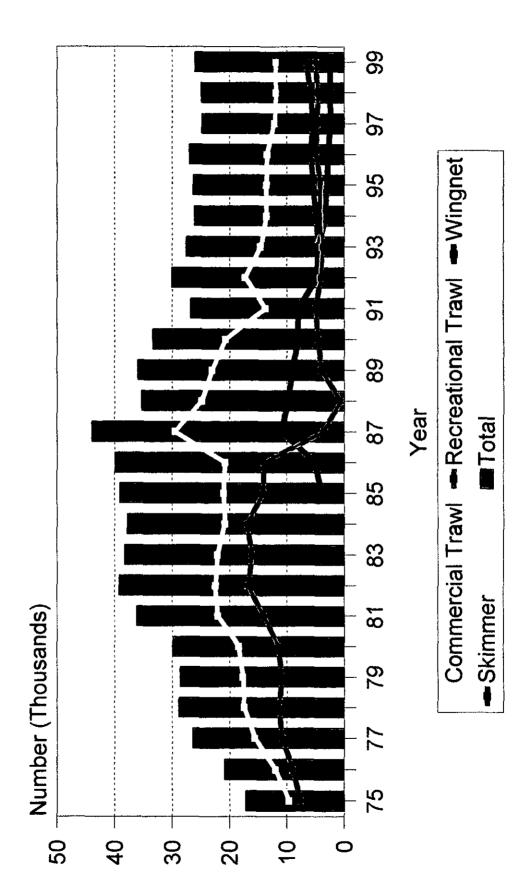
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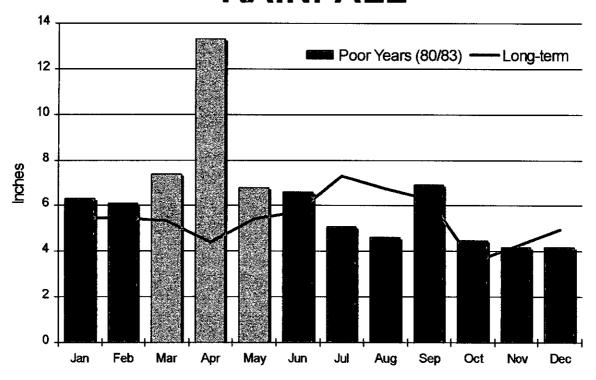
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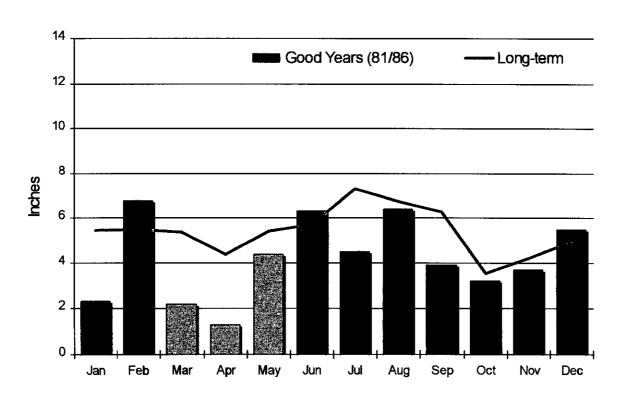
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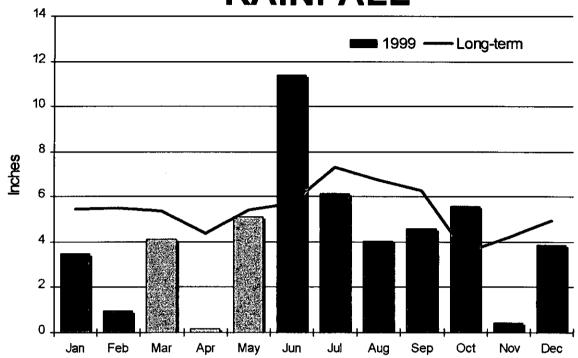
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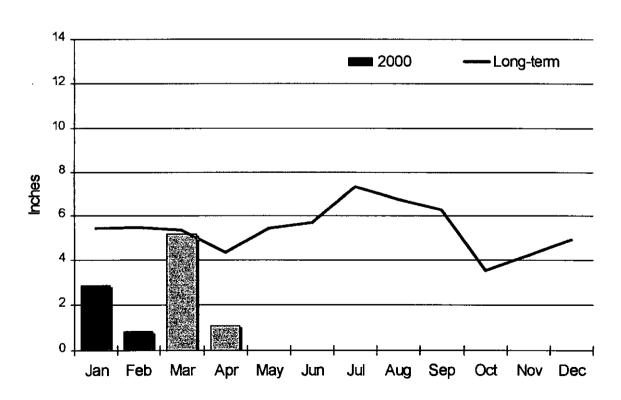




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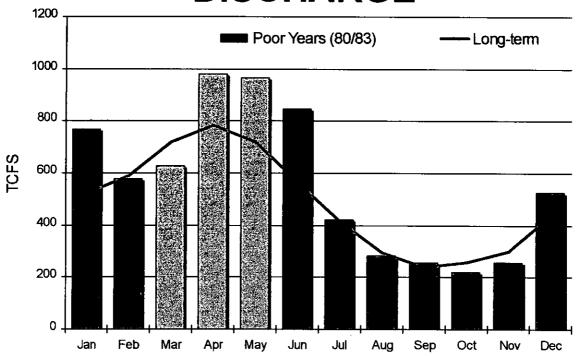
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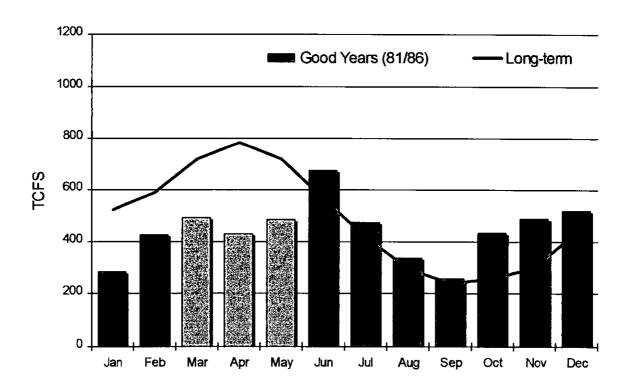




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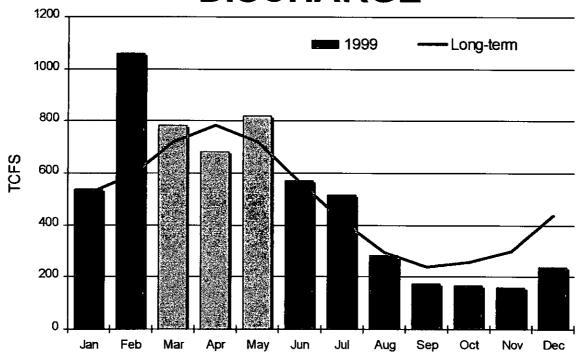
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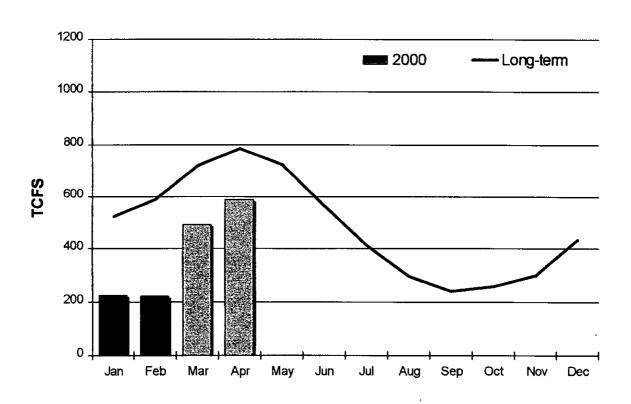




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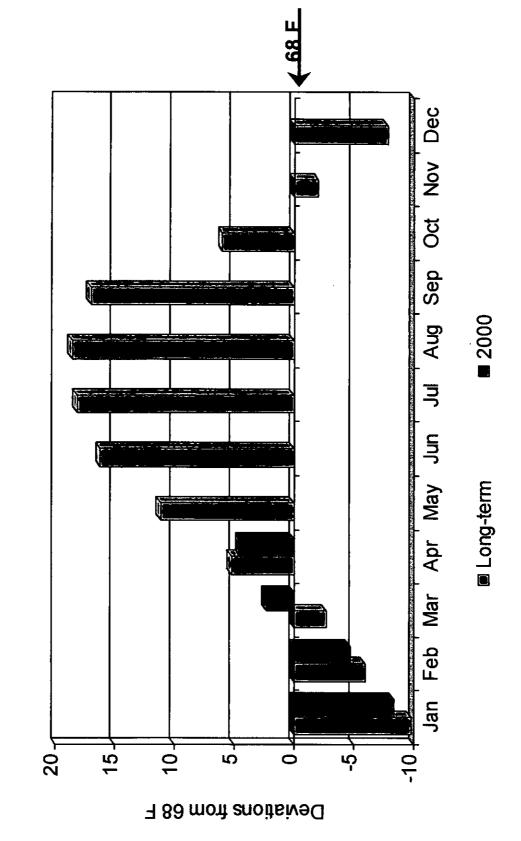




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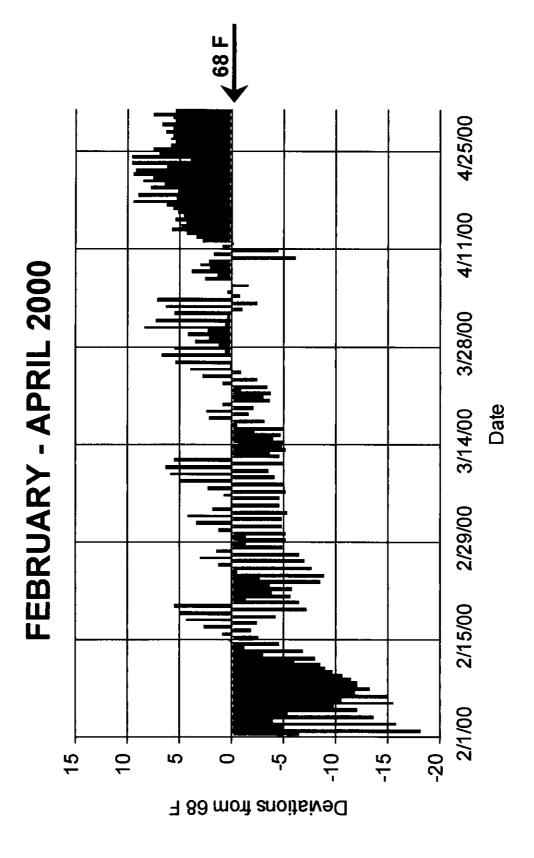
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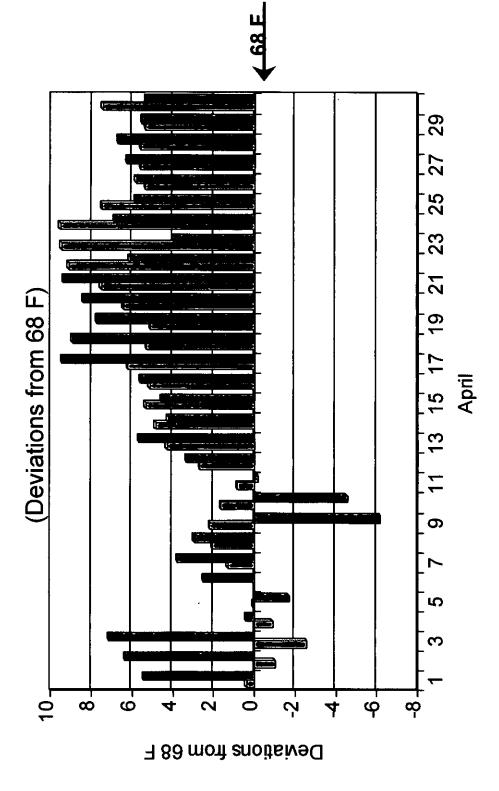
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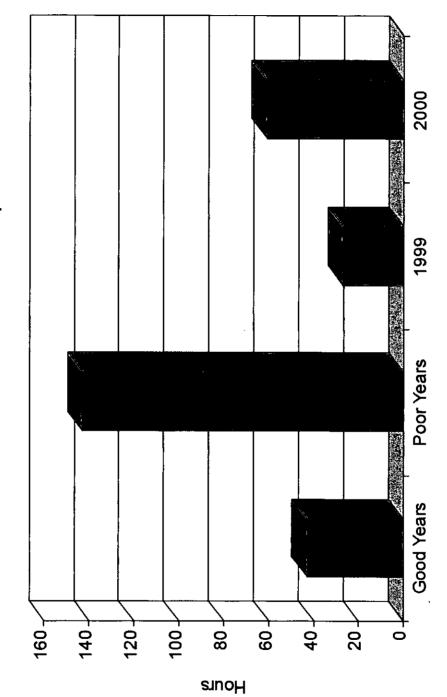


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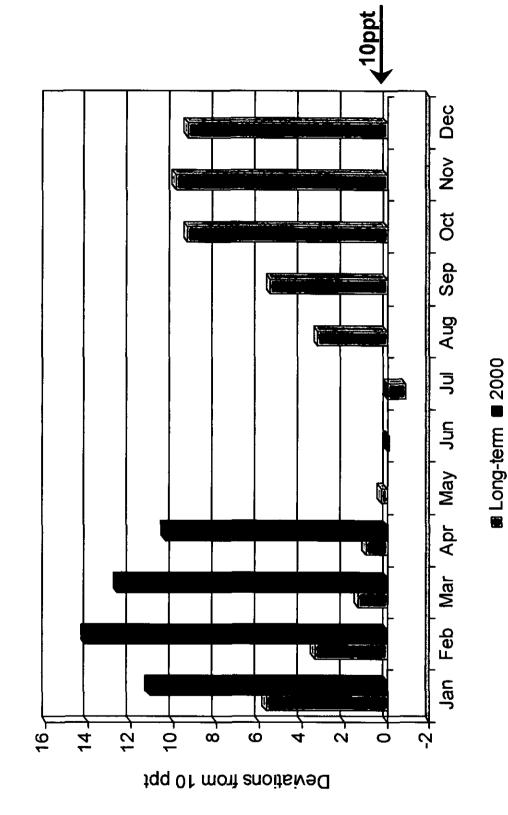
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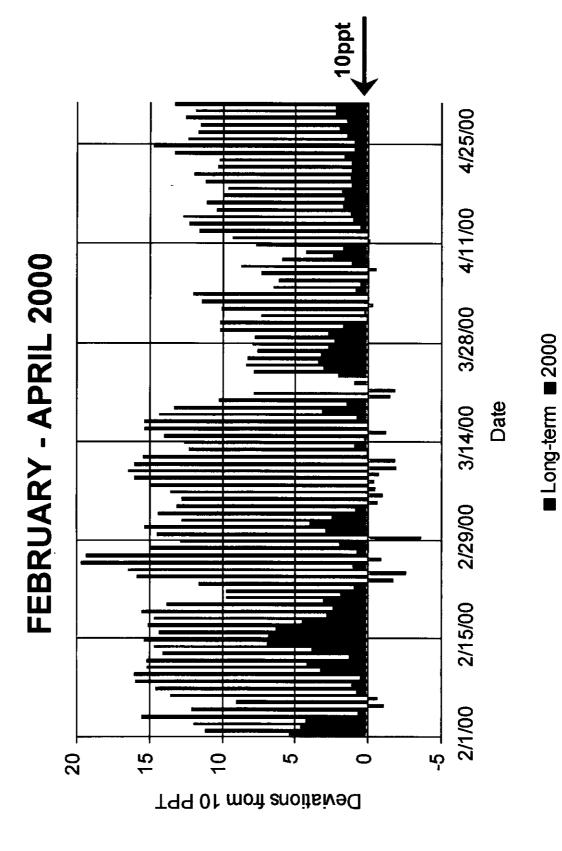
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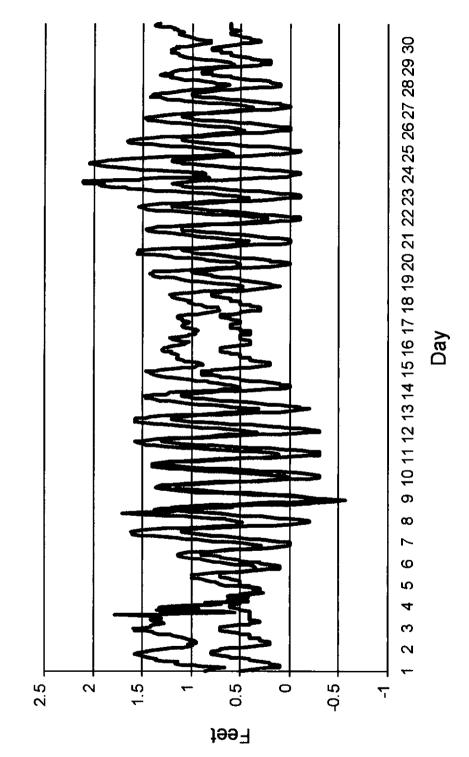
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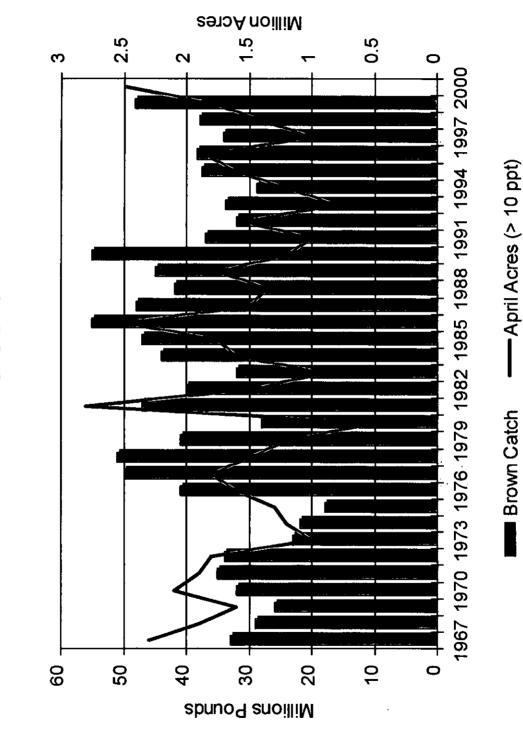
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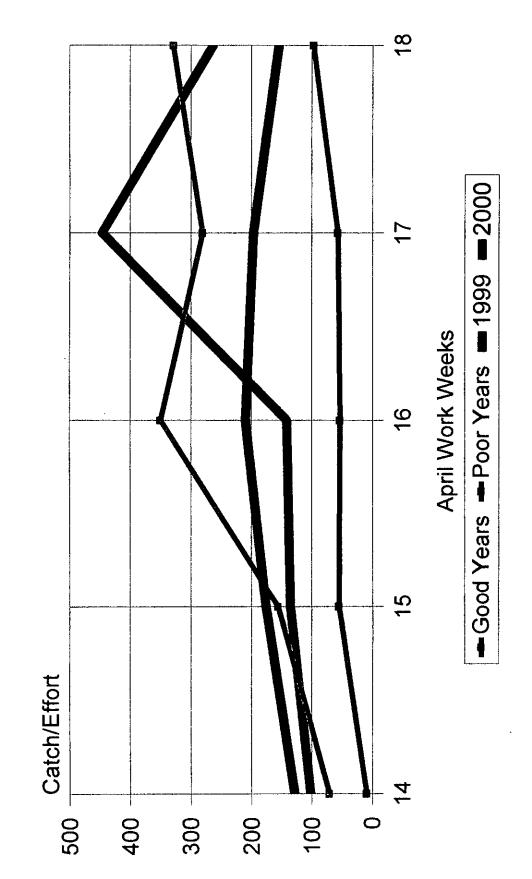
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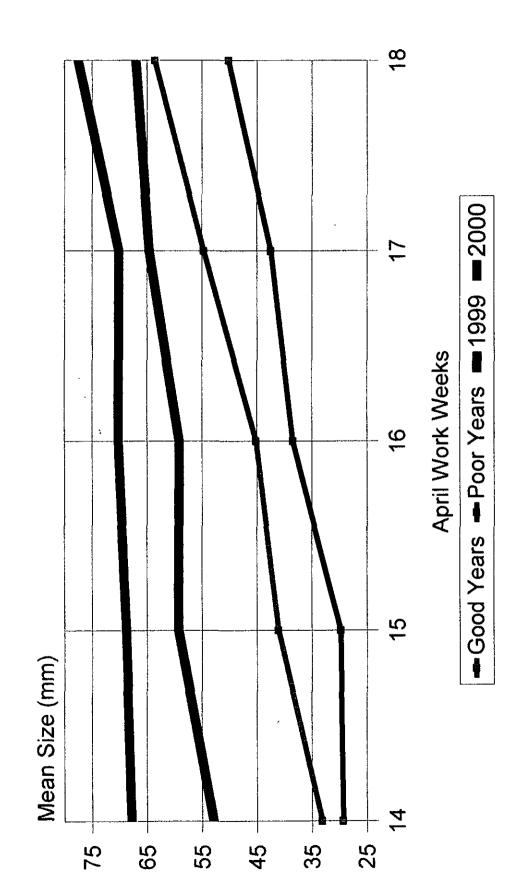


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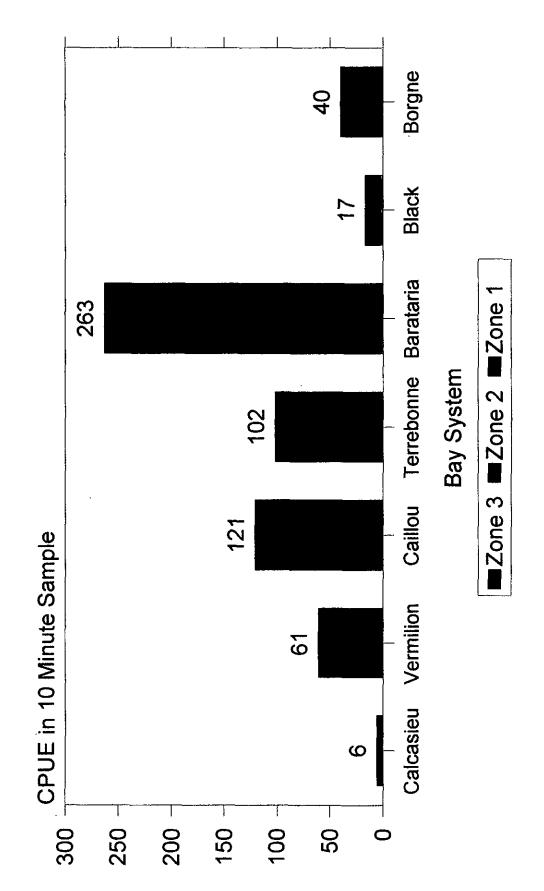
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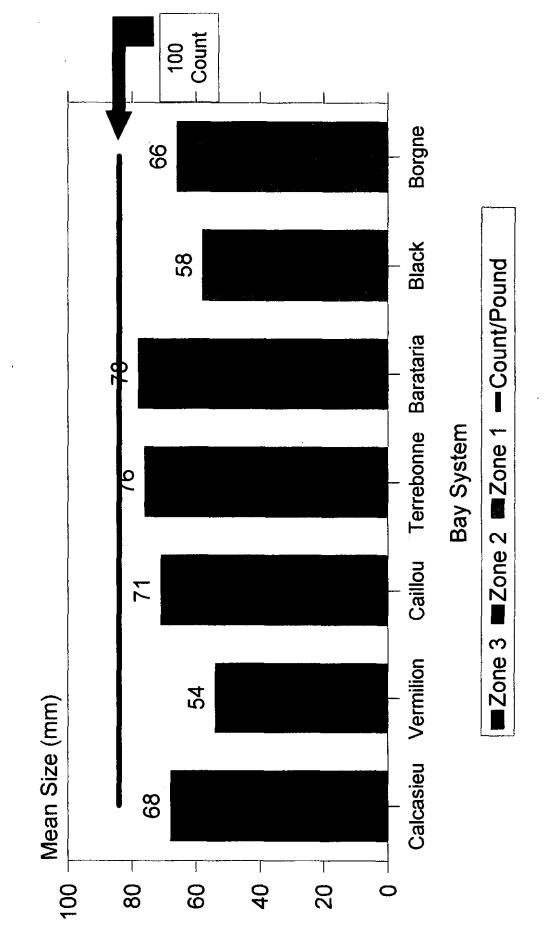
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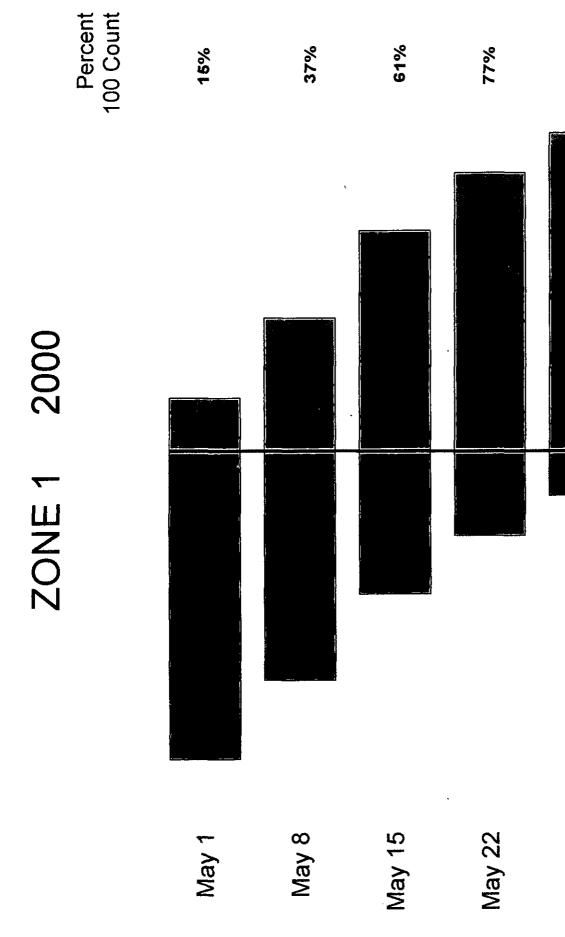


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May 29

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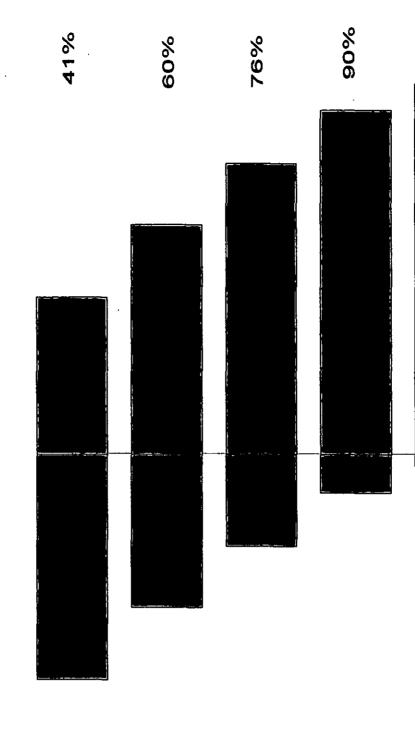


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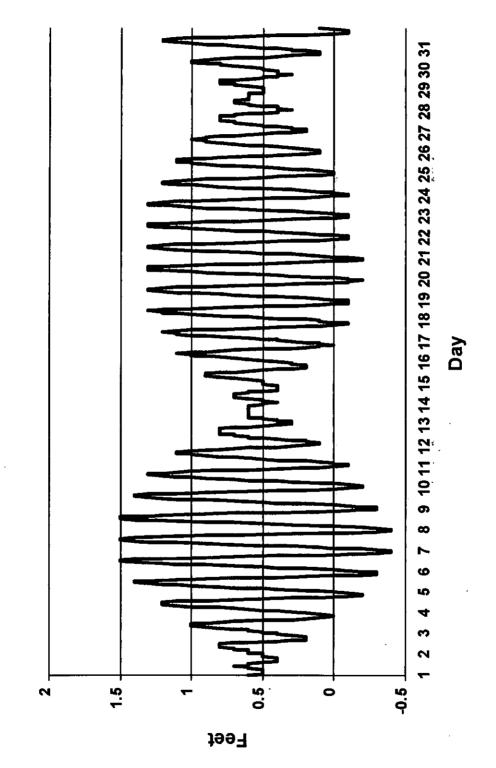
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SRS 00-159

Regular Session, 2000

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. //

BY SENATORS ULLO AND ROBICHAUX

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A RESOLUTION 1 To urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to open 2 3 the shrimp season in Zone 2 no later than May 8, 2000. WHEREAS, historically the inshore brown shrimp season in Zone 2 4 usually opens after the first week in June; and 5 WHEREAS, present biological data indicates that the shrimp in Zone 6 2 are at a number sufficient for harvest; and 7 8 WHEREAS, large amount of shrimp are now being caught in offshore 9 waters; and WHEREAS, only a small percentage of all Louisiana shrimpers are able 10 11 to participate in the offshore season; and WHEREAS, opening the shrimp season in Zone 2 no later than May 8, 12 2000 will allow all Louisiana shrimpers the economic opportunity to 13 participate in a bountiful harvest. 14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature 15 of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and 16

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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be

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> The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Arthur E. McEnany.

DIGEST

Requests the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to open the shrimp season in Zone 2 no later than May 8, 2000.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

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HUNTING SEASON COMMENTS

2000-2001 Season

The comments below are a compilation of the letters, phone calls, and five public hearings on seasons and bag limits. The public hearings were held in Covington, Houma, Lafayette, Ruston, and Alexandria.

STATEWIDE:

DEER

of Comments

- 4 Statewide point restrictions for deer (4pt & 6pt.) were the most requested.
- 5 End or reduce the number of dog hunting days in Area 6.
- 3 Implement deer tagging program with everyone getting two doe tags.
- 2 Move parts of Area 7 to Area 6 or Area 3.
- 3 Move Beauregard and Vernon parishes from Area 3 to Area 2. Resolution by Winn Police Jury to Area 2 season structure in the Winn parish portion of Kisatchie Nat. Forest.
- 1 More days of gun hunting and dog hunting on Kisatchie Nat. Forest.
- 1 More doe days in Caldwell parish.
- 1 More doe days during the dog season.
- 1 Extend season later in Area 6.
- 1 Opposed to antler restrictions.
- 1 Area 1 and Area 6 should have the same season structure.
- 1Group Proposed a new still hunting area in Washington parish.
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SMALL GAME

- 1 Extend squirrel through Feb. 28.
- 1 Do not open dove season until October.
- 1 Take the 70 day 12 bird option for dove each year.

OTHER

- 2 Need more enforcement agents.
- 2 Too many enforcement agents on roads, need to be in the woods.
- 2 Opposed to landowners leasing the hunting rights on their land.
- 1 Need more aquatic plant control.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS:

DEER

- 1 Gun deer seasons should be longer.
- 1 For an archery only WMA.

- 1 Guns should be allowed on the WMA one day prior to managed hunts(campers).
- 1 Bucks only seasons should all be during Christmas Holidays.
- 3 Boeuf should have a deer seasons the same as the WMA's located in Area 2.
- 2 Bodcau deer season should be the same as outside season.
- 1 Bodcau should have more muzzle loader hunting days.
- 1 Thistlethwaite should have more muzzle loader hunting days.
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SMALL GAME

- 1 Should have youth turkey hunts on WMA's.
- 1 Camp Beauregard should have more days to hunt racoons.

OTHER

- 258 Petition to amend the permanent duck blind rule on Atchafalaya Delta WMA to permit the use of nails and/or wire to hold natural material blind together.
- 76 Permit livestock to graze Dewey Wills WMA.
- 4 Allow WMA staff to do enforcement work on their WMA.
- 2 Timber cutting on WMA's should be watched closely and all money should be accounted for.
- 1 Camp Beauregard should not have any closed gates on roads.
- 1 Should have more ATV only trails on WMA's.
- 1 Bodcau should have more youth only hunting days.
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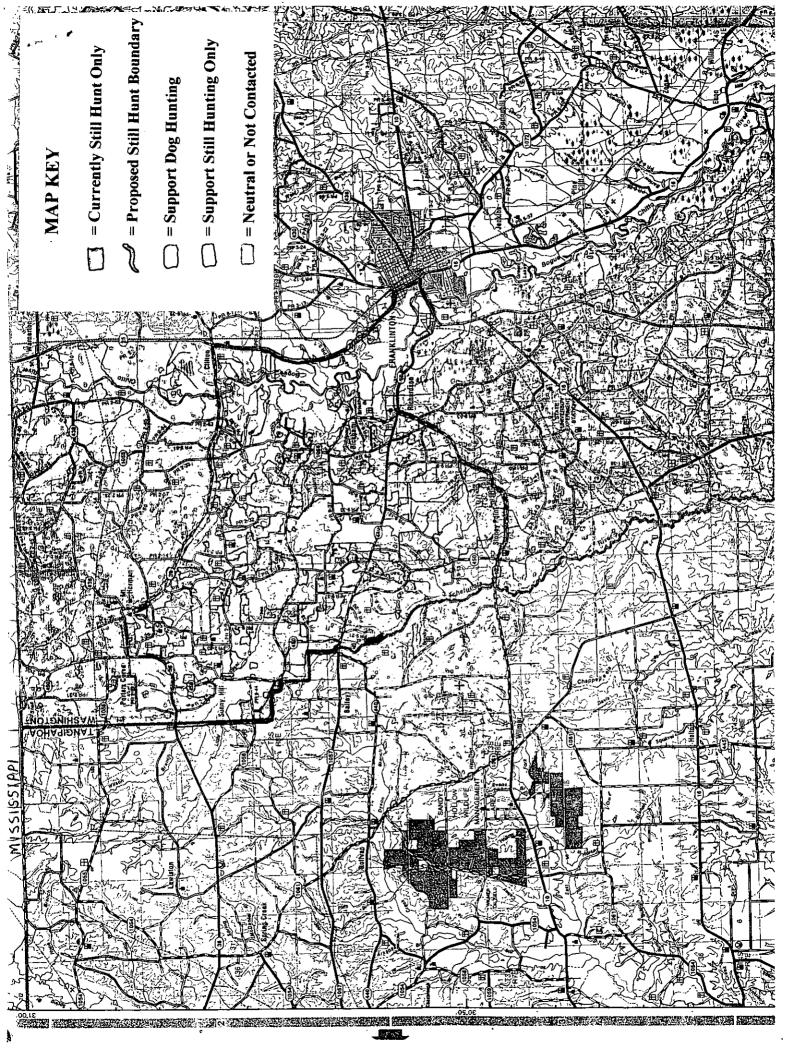
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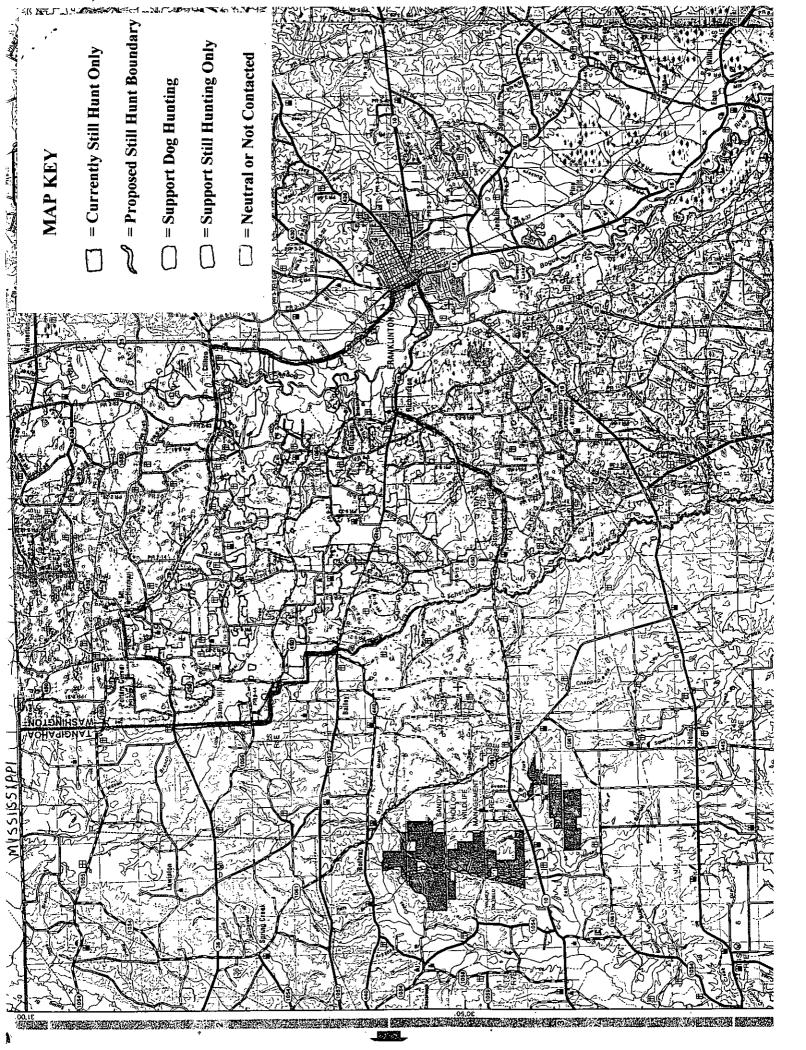


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LDWF NUISANCE DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Purpose

LDWF is developing customer service standards and establishing clearly stated written policies and procedures to deliver effective, efficient and responsive customer service of the highest quality to the citizens of Louisiana.

The purpose of the Nuisance Deer Policy is to develop standard regulations for the management of nuisance deer including details for non-lethal and lethal population control, taking, possessing, transporting, and disposition of problem deer. It will provide the mechanisms that could maintain deer populations at levels that are ecologically compatible with the state's habitat and levels that ensure compatibility with human land uses. Nuisance deer are those determined to be causing damage to property or are a risk to human health or safety.

Authority

Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes gives the responsibility for regulation and management of free-ranging white-tailed deer to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. However the State of Louisiana, LWFC, and LDWF are not liable for any damages to property or human health due to white-tailed deer.

Nuisance Deer Management Policy and Procedure

Policy & Procedure I - Documentation and Response to Nuisance Deer Complaints

Wildlife and Enforcement Division personnel at each Regional office will record all nuisance deer calls and personal complaints on Deer Complainant Log forms (see Appendix A). A wildlife biologist or enforcement agent will provide timely response as dictated by the situation. The Wildlife Division will be responsible for non-emergency situations; the Enforcement Division will respond to or assist with emergency complaints

A. Nuisance Deer Complaint Procedure

- 1. Complainants with nuisance deer problem contact LDWF.
- 2. LDWF personnel will initiate a Nuisance Deer Complaint Log and forward it to a wildlife biologist or enforcement agent as dictated by the situation.
- 3. This person contacts complainant and completes the Nuisance Deer Complaint Log form. The completed form will be forwarded to the Deer Program.
- 4. If necessary, Wildlife Division personnel will meet with the complainant or his representative on site within five working days to evaluate the damage.

5. The landowner or authorized lessee will be provided with the appropriate recommendations and technical assistance to help resolve the problem (see Appendix B).

B. Nuisance Deer Complaint Categories

- 1. Category I Complaints concerning non-commercial gardens and orchards. Recommendations on damage abatement and population control measures as well as education material on the proper installation and maintenance of these practices will be provided to the complainant.
- 2. Category II Landowners or authorized lessees with documented deer damage to commercial crops. Complainants will be required to obtain an estimate of crop damage from the LSU Extension Service or other certified agricultural consultants. Deer Complaint Log forms will be forwarded to the Deer Program for development of a Nuisance Deer Management Plan (see Appendix C).
- 3. Category III Nuisance complaints from cities, residential communities, other non-hunting areas such as parks, reservations, etc. These complaints will be forwarded to the Deer Program for development of a Deer Population Control Plan (see Appendix D).
- 4. Category IV This category concerns immediate threats to human welfare such as airports. These complaints will be resolved as soon as possible with the appropriate action.
- C. Nuisance Deer Complaint Log Form (Appendix A). Personnel handling deer complaint will complete the Deer Complaint Log for all nuisance deer calls and forward them to the Deer Program. An annual report identifying trends in the location of deer damage and type of property damage will be compiled. Recommendations for appropriate adjustments in hunting season regulations and to improve and focus technical assistance procedures on target crops will be made.

Policy & Procedure II - Technical Assistance

An important aspect of this policy is to provide consistent, responsive technical assistance to deer damage complainants. The LDWF Wildlife Division personnel will serve in an extension capacity by providing technical assistance services.

A. LDWF Responsibility

- 1. Field evaluation of damage with the complainant.
- 2. Recommendations on proven management alternatives for deer damage abatement and deer population control. Includes Categories I, II, and III complaints.
- 3. Procedures for implementing and conducting nuisance deer removal and population control programs. Includes Categories III and IV complaints.

4. Assistance with developing a Nuisance Deer Management Plan and Deer Population Control Management Plan. Includes Categories II and III.

B. Landowner Responsibility

- 1. Complainants with commercial agricultural activities are responsible for documenting the economic loss and extent of deer damage (see section C for procedure).
- 2. Complainants must take partial responsibility for managing problem deer by making a serious effort to apply non-lethal techniques recommended by LDWF and lethal control measures provided by law, such as hunting, to alleviate the problem.
- 3. Complainants must prepare and submit the Nuisance Deer Management Plan or Deer Population Control Plan for LDWF approval in order to be eligible for participation in special hunting season programs or urban removal programs.
- 4. Complainants are responsible for all costs incurred in the application of Nuisance deer abatement and deer population control measures.
- C. Documentation of Deer Damage to Commercial Agriculture. Written documentation of the economic loss caused by deer damage to commercial agricultural activities is a mandatory part of the development of a Nuisance Deer Management Plan and issuance of Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags for the hunting season.

1. Procedure:

- a. LDWF personnel direct complainant to obtain written documentation of damage.
- b. Landowner contacts LSU Extension Service county agent in the parish of damage or a certified agricultural consultant to develop a written estimate of the loss resulting from deer damage. The report should also include a brief history of past and possible future damage expected on this property as well as past and present damage control measures that have been used by the landowner.
- c. The damage report is submitted to LDWF and becomes a part of the complainant's file.

Nuisance Deer Management Plan (NDMP, see Appendix C) - A brief outline plan describing population control and abatement methods to be used in alleviating deer damage to commercial agriculture. This plan is developed by the landowner with assistance from LDWF biologists. A LDWF approved NDMP is required for receiving Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags for the hunting season.

Deer Population Control Plan (DPCP, see Appendix D) - A detailed plan containing the methods,

timetable, and follow-up evaluation procedures to be used for the long term control of a nuisance deer herd in urban/suburban settings. This plan is prepared by the governmental agency requesting LDWF assistance and must contain information specified by LDWF. A DPCP must be approved by LDWF for participation in special hunts and before nuisance deer are removed.

Policy & Procedure III - Deer Harvest and Removal Opportunities

The harvest of either-sex deer under LDWF hunting regulations is the most efficient and cost effective method to regulate deer populations. Regulated either-sex hunting is the primary tool used by LDWF to provide adequate deer population control on a statewide basis.

A. Harvest and Removal Options

- 1. Option 1 State Deer Season Framework. Either-sex hunting with modern firearms is the only realistic means of efficiently controlling deer numbers over large areas. In areas experiencing annual deer damage, more either-sex seasons on an area or parish-wide basis will be established to help balance the deer population with the prevailing habitat conditions.
- 2. Option 2 Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP, 500 acres minimum requirement for enrollment). DMAP is a site-specific program that increases deer management options for participating cooperators by allowing a more flexible harvest of antlerless deer than state regulations. It has proven to be an effective tool in managing local deer populations. Wildlife Division Biologists are authorized to issue DMAP tags in excess of the rate normally issued for that area or habitat if the DMAP cooperator is located in or adjacent to areas of documented deer damage. This practice will facilitate the reduction of problem deer herds utilizing legal hunting.
- 3. Option 3 Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags (less than 500 acres). This is a program to provide assistance with the control of documented commercial crop depredation by deer. This program is designed to address chronic localized damage that is not being controlled by other population control or damage abatement practices. It is designed for those landowners or authorized lessees with less than 500 acres who do not qualify for DMAP and whose income is dependent upon commercial agriculture. These landowners or lessees will be issued Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags that will be used during the regular deer season. The landowners or lessees apply through Deer Program personnel for participation in this program.
- 4. Option 4 Nuisance Deer Removal Closed Season. Removal of nuisance deer will occur when individual animals or small groups of deer are causing excessive documented damage or are an imminent threat to public safety in urban areas or areas where hunting is not permitted. The removal is for the short-term control of localized ongoing damage and not for long-term population control. Deer removal will be conducted only by LDWF or professional contractors permitted by LDWF. Such contractors will be issued Nuisance Deer Removal Permits (Appendix E) for this activity.

Policy & Procedure IV - Deer population control for cities, residential communities, and other non-

hunting areas such as airports, parks, reservations, etc. (Urban Deer Management Program)

Regulated hunting may present problems for metropolitan and urban areas that often have restrictions regarding firearms and their use within such areas. Hunting during the open deer season may not be an acceptable option on some corporate or government properties because of safety, liability and public relations issues. Management of deer populations within these areas cannot be implemented without the consent and cooperation of controlling agencies and landowners.

A. Procedure for Urban Deer Complaints:

- 1. Complainant contacts LDWF about existing or potential problems.
- 2. Deer Complaint Log form is routed from Regional Office to the Deer Program.
- 3. LDWF provides on-site evaluation of the problem with an official representative.
- 4. LDWF recommends that a committee or task force be established by the complainant to identify population control options that are supported by the public and are effective for their particular situation. LDWF will provide technical assistance on appropriate deer management strategies.
- 5. The complainant, working with a wildlife consultant, develops the Deer Population Control Plan for LDWF approval.
- 6. Complainant conducts a public hearing to determine public support for the plan.
- 7. Complainant implements the population control measures authorized in the Deer Population Control Plan. Implementation is the complainant's responsibility, and LDWF acts in an advisory and support capacity.
 - 8. LDWF will evaluate the effectiveness of the initial control measures.

B. Management options available under this policy include:

- 1. Option 1 Controlled or Regulated Hunts. Special archery or restricted firearm hunts may be established by these agencies upon approval of the LDWF and the LWFC. Archery hunting has proven to be a safe, economic and humane method of reducing deer herds in residential settings. Such hunts will incorporate special regulations to ensure the safety and efficiency of hunting within the jurisdiction of a metropolitan or residential area. LDWF will provide technical assistance with establishing guidelines for such hunts.
- 2. Option 2 Nuisance Deer Removal Permits- Closed Season (Appendix E). These permits will be used for the immediate removal of nuisance deer in urban situations such as

emergency situations. Some situations may require an extended amount of time for removal of nuisance deer. The Enforcement Division of LDWF is responsible for the removal of nuisance deer by this option. However, private contractors may be permitted by the Enforcement Division to remove deer when long-term control is required.

3. Option 3 - Alternative Control Measures Authorized by LDWF (Appendix B). In special situations where shooting is absolutely unsafe other methods for control of nuisance deer may be utilized by the complainant. Non-lethal and lethal population control methods, such as live-capture, are available options, however, LDWF will not be directly involved with the application of such programs and the complainant will incur all costs for such programs. Complainants desiring to initiate such programs must obtain all necessary permits from LDWF (Appendix F).

Policy & Procedure V - Miscellaneous Nuisance Deer Complaints and Problems

Road-Killed Deer - A citizen cannot legally possess a road-killed deer outside or during the hunting season unless authorized by LDWF or the officer investigating the deer/vehicle collision. All road-killed deer should be reported to LDWF and the complaint documented on the appropriate form (Appendix G). These forms will be submitted to the Deer Program. LDWF is not responsible for removal of dead deer from the highways.

Illegal pen-raised deer - Deer that are being held in captivity illegally will be confiscated and disposed of in the most appropriate fashion. In cases involving deer taken from the wild, such animals may not be given to commercial deer farmers; however, licensed game breeders may serve as a clearing house for such animals. So called "orphaned" fawns that have been held for less than eight hours should be immediately returned and released at the original capture site. If the fawn has been truly abandoned it should be taken to a permitted rehabilitator and released back into the wild at the appropriate time.

Sick or Injured Deer - Deer with a serious injury that prevents rehabilitation should be euthanised by LDWF personnel. Recommended procedure for euthanising large animals is a gunshot to the head. If the injury does not appear to be life threatening, remove the deer from public view and release it. Wildlife Division biologists should be contacted when sick deer are reported. Blood and tissue samples should be obtained whenever possible from these animals. The Southeast Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study Unit will serve as the agency for analysis of samples.

Appendix A

NUISANCE DEER COMPLAINT LOG

Date	Time		Parish
Location		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
			GPS
Name of Complain	nant:		Phone
Address:			
Type of Nuisance	Problem		
BIOLOGIST/AGE	ENT		Date Received
Field Evaluation	NO	YES	Date
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Recommendations	(abatement tec	hniques):	
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Comments for futu	ıre action:		

Appendix B

Deer Damage Control/Abatement Alternatives

DEER POPULATION CONTROL

- **A. Non-lethal** These practices are designed to supplement, not replace deer population control with regulated hunting.
- 1. **Nonintervention** No action "Let Nature take its course"- Hope that the deer herd will become self-limiting due to loss of habitat or increased human development.
- 2. Habitat Modification -
- Enhancing natural habitat (food) to reduce deer damage to target crops.
- Degrading natural habitat (food, water, and cover) to disperse and reduce deer activity.
- 3. **Supplemental Feeding** Attempts to divert deer from crops with alternate food sources. Impact temporary at best. No field-proven methods that produce long-term relief. Not recommended by LDWF.
- 4. Live Capture and Translocation—Problem deer are trapped and moved to a suitable release site with low deer populations. Research and field tests have proven this to be a costly, inhumane, and an ineffective method. Louisiana's deer habitat is saturated with native deer and there are no areas suitable for the release of additional deer. Not permitted by LDWF.
- 5. Fertility Control Agents Research has proven chemical birth control measures to be cost prohibitive, ineffective and inhumane to free ranging deer. Not permitted by LDWF
- 6. Driving deer from area of damage. Applicable to small enclosures only.
- **B.** Lethal These methods are designed to reduce damage by reducing the deer herd.
- <u>1.</u> **Regulated Hunting** The most effective, practical, inexpensive, and flexible way to reduce deer populations.
- **2. Sharpshooting**—When done by professionals, sharpshooting can be an effective but expensive means for controlling populations where safety, liability and public relations concerns may exist.
- 3. Live Capture and Euthanasia Considered only in special situations where it may be effective in small areas.
- 4. **Biological control by introducing predator or pathogen** Not practical in human-dominated environment.

DEER DAMAGE ABATEMENT

- **A. Non-lethal** These practices are designed to supplement, not replace deer population control by regulated hunting.
- 1. <u>Repellents</u> Olfactory and taste repellents. Repellent performance is highly variable and seems to be negatively correlated with deer density. May be cost effective in controlling browsing in small areas when used in combination with other methods.
- 2. <u>Deterrents</u> Auditory (shell crackers/butane guns) and visual scare devices (reflectors). These methods are effective for short-term relief only, since deer are very adaptable and habituate quickly to manmade deterrents.
- 3. <u>Exclusion</u> Electric and nonelectric fences and netting, cages, and cylinders around individual plants are probably the most effective non-lethal means of reducing/eliminating deer damage. Fencing can only be justified after consideration of the cost benefit ratio of fencing cost vs. economic loss to deer.
- 4. <u>Utilize nonpalatable ornamental plants</u>
- **B.** Lethal The removal of specific problem animals that are causing localized damage.
- 1. **Hunting** Damage Control Assistance Program (DCAP) is designed to address chronic localized damage that is not being controlled by other population control or damage abatement practices. This is the last legal hunting option before Nuisance Deer Removal Permits are issued
- 2. Nuisance Deer Removal Permit Allows the removal of a specific animal or small group of animals responsible for ongoing damage. Must be used in combination with other non-lethal abatement and population control methods.

Appendix C Nuisance Deer Management Plan

Description of property

- 1. Location
- 2. Size
- 3. Primary landuse
- 4. Adjacent landuse

Description of deer damage

- 1. History of deer damage
- 2. Economic impact of damage
- 3. History of damage abatement practices

History of legal hunting

- 1. Legal deer harvest the past 5 years
- 2. Detailed description of number of hunters, hunting pressure, and kill last deer season
- 3. Hunting pressure and deer kill on adjacent property

Documentation of current deer damage by LSU Extension Service.

- 1. Current years economic impact due to deer damage
- 2. Projected economic impact next growing season

Deer population control methods recommended by LDWF

- 1. Nonlethal Date practice implemented and evaluation of success
- 2. Lethal Either-sex hunting -Date implemented and records of harvest

Deer damage abatement practices recommended by LDWF

- 1. Nonlethal Methods -
- 2. Lethal Methods -

Follow-up evaluation of plan effectiveness

* Nuisance Deer Management Plan is developed by the landowner with assistance from LDWF. A LDWF approved plan containing documentation of deer damage is required for obtaining Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags through the Damage Control Assistance Program

Appendix D

Deer Population Control Plan

Introduction

- 1. Organization name, address, phone number and date proposal submitted
- 2. Brief description of area with deer problem

Site Description

- 1. Detailed descriptions of specific areas with deer damage (acres of unoccupied woodland habitat within jurisdiction)
- 2. Map delineating problem areas
- 3. Local residents perception of deer herd numbers

Problem Statement

- 1. History of deer problem
- 2. Definitive statement on the problems caused by deer
- 3. Current deer damage abatement practices employed

Program Goals

1. Long-term purpose of deer population control program

Program Objectives

- 1. Specific description of management tasks and methods to be employed
- 2. Desired deer population levels

Documentation of the Problem

- 1. Description of type and extent of deer damage (documentation of number of complaints/year, number of deer/vehicle collisions/year, airport near misses, etc.)
- 2. Estimated annual cost of specific deer related work activity (Salary of animal control officers, police, city maintenance crew, etc.)
- 3. Estimated cost of damage to ornamental plants
- 4. Specific negative impacts of the deer population

Proposed Methods and Procedures

- 1. Identify management techniques to be used in deer population control
- 2. Proposed time-table for initiation and completion of the program
- 3. Estimate of cost management program
- 4. Specific target number of animals to be removed
- 5. Date procedures will be initiated and completed
- 6. Names and telephone numbers of agency officials to be contacted by the public and media

Evaluation of Management Program

- 1. Time-table for program evaluation
- 2. Criteria to be used to evaluate program effectiveness
- 3. Biological data from deer removed
 - * DPC Plan is prepared by the agency requesting LDWF assistance with problem deer.

Appendix E Nuisance Deer Removal Permit

iowner - Name Birth Date				
SSPhone				
l Description of property :				
hType of Damage				
age Documentation(attachment)				
ance Deer Management Plan(attachment)				
oval Specifications:				
horizing LDWF Official – Name				
ature Date				
essPhone				
Phone				
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PERMIT PROVISIONS				
he above person is hereby granted aday permit to removeantlerless				
eer causing documented property damage.				
. This permit is valid from to				
Il deer must be properly tagged before being moved form the kill site and must etain the tag until the carcass is properly disposed of.				
Il edible venison must be donated to a charitable non-profit organization or needy				
ndividual. A LDWF wild game donation receipt must be completed to document ach donation.				
ermitee must return unused nuisance deer removal tags, LDWF deer kill form				
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y understand the provisions of this permit.				
MITEE SIGNATURE DATE				

Appendix F

Deer Population Control Permit

Ag	ency/Organization name:	
Ad	dress:	
	ntact Person(s)/Representative(s): me:	Phone:
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Appendix G

ROAD-KILL DEER REPORT

PARISH	DATE	SEX	HIGHWAY NO.	REMARKS
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Hawkins, Susan

From: Moreland, Dave

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2000 2:13 PM

To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: Commission meeting





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LDWF Nuisance Deer

Here are two files that we want to put on the agenda and in register regarding a new landowner deer tag program; also have you received the DMAP rule change and impact statement from Larry?

The Deer Depredation Policy file is to be on the agenda but it is not a rule or regulation that has to be put in the register. I can't find the impact statement for LADT; will send it when I do.

David

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES May 4, 2000

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- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Notice of Intent to establish the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program be

adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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Commission

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

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2. Application Procedure

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR.

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- WHEREAS, these rules were amended by the Commission in 1999 with the exception of the DMAP posting requirements, and
- WHEREAS, current DMAP posting regulations require that signs be posted every 200', and
- WHEREAS, hunting clubs and landowners have expressed the opinion that this is an expensive requirement for them, and
- WHEREAS, the DMAP posting requirement is in a separate section of Title 76 from the regular DMAP rules and regulations, and
- WHEREAS, it has been determined that changes are necessary concerning the existing rules and regulations of DMAP posting and that these rules and regulations should be contained within Section 111 of Title 76, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Notice of Intent to amend the rules and regulations for the Deer Management Assistance Program is adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.
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Commission

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Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§109. Regulations for Signs and Sign Placement for DMAP Cooperators

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:111.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:78 (January 1991), repealed LR .

- §111. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program
- A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Deer Management Assistance Program
 - 1. Application Procedure

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:204

(February 1991), amended LR 25:1656 (September 1999), LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m., July 6, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES May 4, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, May 4, 2000.

- WHEREAS, the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been a popular and successful deer management program for landowners and hunting clubs since its' initiation during the 1981-82 hunting season, and
- WHEREAS, rules governing DMAP were established by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in 1991, and
- WHEREAS, these rules were amended by the Commission in 1999 with the exception of the DMAP posting requirements, and
- WHEREAS, current DMAP posting regulations require that signs be posted every 200', and
- WHEREAS, hunting clubs and landowners have expressed the opinion that this is an expensive requirement for them, and
- WHEREAS, the DMAP posting requirement is in a separate section of Title 76 from the regular DMAP rules and regulations, and
- WHEREAS, it has been determined that changes are necessary concerning the existing rules and regulations of DMAP posting and that these rules and regulations should be contained within Section 111 of Title 76, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Notice of Intent to amend the rules and regulations for the Deer Management Assistance Program is adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.
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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary Department of Wildlife and Fisheries NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend rules and regulations governing participation in the deer management assistance program.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§109. Regulations for Signs and Sign Placement for DMAP.
Cooperators

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:111.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:78 (January 1991), repealed LR .

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT APRIL 2000

REGION 1:

PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER, CADDO, CLAIBORNE, DESOTO, RED RIVER, WEBSTER

18 Agent positions

DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
Boating
Angling W/O A License
Angling W/O A License – Non-Resident
Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License
Take Game Fish Illegal Methods (Snagging)
Hunting W/O A Unplugged Gun
Possession Wild Bird (Wild Turkey) W/O A Permit
Hunt Turkey W/O A Resident Big Game License
Littering
Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor Citation

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

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Resident
On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

	CONFISCAT	ION DESCRIP	TION		
7 White Perch	ı, 1 Turkey Go	bbler, 1 Kawas	aki Jet Ski		
				CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION 7 White Perch, 1 Turkey Gobbler, 1 Kawasaki Jet Ski	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
27	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
62	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
19	Written Warnings

TOTAL		DESCRIPTION	
0	Public Assistance		

REGION 2: 19 Agent positions

PARISHES: E. CARROL, JACKSON, LINCOLN, MOREHEAD, QUACHITA, RICHLAND UNION, W. CARROLL

TOTAL CASES	33
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
9	Boating
7	Angling W/O A License
1	Fish W/O Cane Pole License
1	Pass In No Passing Zone
3	Possession Of Marijuana
3	Illegal Possession Of Alcohol
3	Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
3	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA
2	Littering
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TOTAL 26	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION	
2	No Boat Registration In Possession	
1	Operate Hunting Preserve W/ O Permit	
4	Improper Boat Numbers	
10	Angle W/O A License	
3	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA	
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Turkey Stamp	
2	No Fire Extinguisher	
1	No Boat Numbers	
1	Operate Unregistered Motorboat	
1	Angle W/O Non-resident License	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION		
- Bag Marijuana, 1- Drug Paraphernalia, 11- Cans Beer.		

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
9	Boating
-0-	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
14	Miscellaneous
8	Recreational Fishing
-0-	State Hunting/Trapping
26	Written Warnings

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
12	Public Assistance (Assisting stranded boaters and motorists.)

REGION 3:

PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT, NATCHITOCHES, RAPIDES SABINE, VERNON, WINN

29 Agent positions

TOTAL CASES	155
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
37	Boating
56	Angling W/O A License
6	Angling W/O Non-Resident License In Possession
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License (Crawfish Traps)
2	Possess Undersize Freshwater Game Fish (Black Bass)
8	Fish W/O Resident Pole License In Possession
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Hoop Nets)
1	Buy And Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
1	Take Over Daily Limit Of Turkey (2 Gobblers)
1	Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Turkey Stamp In Possession
20	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations
1	Criminal Trespass
1	Driving W/O Operators License
8	Littering
6	Criminal Trespass On State Property

2	Operate A.T.V. On Public Road	,
1	Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle	<u> </u>
1	Public Drunkenness	

DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
Boating
Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION

2 turkey gobblers, 2 black bass, 12 cans, 1 Styrofoam cup and paper.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
37	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
8	Littering
12	Miscellaneous
73	Recreational Fishing
23	State Hunting/Trapping
45	Written Warnings

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 4: 24 Agent positions

PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,

CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN LASALLE, MADISON,

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TOTAL	62		
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION		
10	Boating		
15	Angling W/O A License		
13	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License		
2	Fish W/O Resident Pole License		
2	Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally		
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish		
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License		
1	Use Illegal Mesh Hoop Net (Freshwater)		
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Resident Big Game License		
1	Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area		
8	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA		
1	Littering		
1	Obtain License By Fraud		
4	Flight From An Officer		
1	Driving Without Operators License		

TOTAL	1	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1		Angling W/O A License

CONFISCATIONS

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION				
3 bream, 50 yds	2" gill net.		•	• •
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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL DESCRIPTION		
10	Boating	
3	Commercial Fishing	
0	Federal Migratory	
1	Littering	
6	Miscellaneous	
32	Recreational Fishing	
10	State Hunting/Trapping	· · · ·
1	Written Warnings	<u> </u>
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TOTAL	DE	SCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance	

REGION 5 33 Agent positions

PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, ALLEN, EVANGELINE, CALCASIEU, CAMERON, ACADIA, VERMILION, JEFF DAVIS

TOTAL CASES	148		
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION		
55	Boating		
36	Angling W/O A License		
8	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident		
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License		
11	Angling W/O Saltwater License		
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident		
4	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum		
2	Take Or Possess Over Limit Black Drum		
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession		
4	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License		
4	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License		
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License		
1	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs		
3	Use Oversized Trawl, Trawl Board		
1	Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Closed Season		

e Deer Or Bear Illegal Hour Or With Artificial Light
e Deer From Public Road
e/Amphibians Recreationally W/O Basic Fishing License
ns – No Season
ssession Of Other Non-Game Birds – No Season
By Rules And Regulations On Wildlife Management Area
Officer
hicle While Intoxicated

TOTAL 20	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION	
3	Angling W/O A License	
17	Boating	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION

1 heron; 1 egret; 43 black drum (37 RTW); 2 boxes crabs (RTW); 1 shot gun; 1060 lbs. shrimp sold for \$2986.00; 4 hoop nets; 95 catfish; 1 grass carp; 1 fresh water drum; 1 postal receipt; 1 expired non-resident fishing license.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

DESCRIPTION		
Boating		
Commercial Fishing		
Federal Migratory		
Littering		
Miscellaneous		
Recreational Fishing		
State Hunting/Trapping		
Written Warnings		

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

REGION 6: 24 Agent positions

PARISHES: ST. LANDRY PT.COUPEE, LAFAYETTE ST.MARTIN, IBERIA, IBERVILLE WEST BATON ROUGE

TOTAL CASES	3 152
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
60	Boating
35	Angling W/O A License
1	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
15	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
2	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
4	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	Theft Of Crawfish
3	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
2	Flight From An Officer
3	Littering
1	Resisting An Officer
6	Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum
1	Possession Of Stolen Things
2	Angling W/O Saltwater License

Trawl State Waters Closed Season
Sell Fish W/O Retail Dealers License
Failure To Tag Containerized Oysters
Take Oysters From Unapproved Area
Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Bedding Ground W/O Permit
Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
Fail To Mark Soft Shell Crab Containers

TOTAL 16	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION	
9	Boating	 ,
6	Angling W/O License	
1	Use WMA W/O License	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION

1½ boxes crabs, 17 black bass, 155 lbs. Crawfish, marijuana residue, 3 soda cans/bottles, 8 black drum, 1 boat, 1 motor, 1 gas tank, 4 trawls, 1230 lbs. Shrimp, check totaling \$2029.50, 4 pints of oysters, 10 unmarked containers of oysters, 100 sacks of oysters, 1 bag of marijuana and pipe.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

DESCRIPTION
Boating
Commercial Fishing
Federal Migratory
Littering
Miscellaneous
Recreational Fishing
State Hunting/Trapping
Written Warnings
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION		
0	Public Assistance	,	

REGION 7: 22 Agent positions

PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,

E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON, ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY, TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,

W. FELICIANA

TOTAL CASES	156
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
64	Boating
59	Angling W/O A License
8	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
5	Angling W/O Cane Pole License
2	Use Recreational Gear W/O License
3	Littering
5	Not Abiding by Rules and Regulations on W.M.A.
1	Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
1	Possess Alligator in closed season
1	Public Intimidation of an Officer
1	Possess Schedule IV Narcotics
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Stamp
2	Hunt Turkey W/Un-Plugged Shotgun
3	Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area

TOTAL 32	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
11	Angling W/O Res. License
2	Angling W/O Non-Res. License
16	Boating Safety
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Stamp
2	Violate R & R WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION

2-4' Alligator (Parts), 1 turkey decoy, 3 shotguns.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
64	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
74	Recreational Fishing
8	State Hunting/Trapping
32	Written Warnings

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance 2-Tow Vessel (stranded), 1-Help Motorist Change Tire

REGION 8 15 Agent positions TOTAL CASES | 119

PARISHES: PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, ORLEANS, JEFFERSON

TOTAL CASES	
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
40	Boating
40	Angling W/O A License
5	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Not Abiding by Commission Rules & Regulations Commercial Finfish – over 200 lbs. Red Snapper
6	Take or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License (Trawl)
1	Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Sell and/or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License (Resident)
1	Sell and/or Buy fish W/O a Retail Seafood Dealers License
1	Fail to Maintain Records
1	Fail to comply with Federal Law in EEZ
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
1	Permit Unlicensed Person to Operate Commercial Vessel
1	Permit Unlicensed Person to Use Commercial Gear
1	Take/Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
1	Commercial Truck W/O Display of Owner

Use Skimmers in Closed Season
Littering
Other than Wildlife and Fisheries
Possess/Take Over Limit Federal Controlled Fish
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION	
10		
2	Angling W/O A License	
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident	
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License	······································
6	Boating	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION

Returned to water...Shrimp (20lbs.)....Oyster Sacks(28)

Bid: Shrimp(128 lbs. @ \$636...75lbs @ \$146.25...26lbs @ \$50.70...43lbs. @ \$83.85)....Red Snapper(10 lbs. @ \$25....616 lbs. @ \$1078)

Donated: Red Snapper (616 lbs.).... (10lbs.)....Black Drum(2)...Spotted Sea Trout(11)....Crab Traps(2)

Hardware Confiscated: Skimmer Nets (6)....Butterfly Nets (2).... Oyster Dredge Lic.(1)....Vessel Lic.(1)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

Boating
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Commercial Fishing
Federal Migratory
Littering
Miscellaneous
Recreational Fishing
State Hunting/Trapping
Written Warnings

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
5	Public Assistance	.,

REGION 9: 25 Agent positions

PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES, ST.JOHN, ST. MARY, TERREBONNE, JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE LAFOURCHE, LOWER ST. MARTIN

TOTAL CASES	242	
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION	
112	Boating	
46	Angling W/O A License	
2	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident	
2	Fish W/O Resident Pole License	
12	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident	
2	Take O/L Of Red Drum (On Water)	
2	Possess O/L Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27" (Recreational)	
2	Fail To Have Saltwater Fish Intact	
4	Take Illegal Size Black Bass	
2	Take Undersized Red Drum	
1	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)	
16	Take Undersized Black Drum	
5	Take O/L Spotted Sea Trout (Off Water)	
10	Take O/L Black Drum (Recreational)	
3	CML Fisherman Sell To Other Than Wholesale/Retail Dealer	

2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Crab Traps)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Hoop Net)
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
2	Theft Of Crab Traps
2	Possess Undersized Commercial Hard Crabs
3	Possess Over 20 % Undersize Crabs
3	Use Trawl Exceeding Size Requirements (Offshore LA Waters)
4	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
1	Negligent Injuring

TOTAL 26	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
13	Boating
3	Angling W/O A License
9	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION

105 black drum, 14 red drum, 2 largemouth bass, 3 bass, 1455 lbs. shrimp sold for \$2567.75, 350 lbs. crabs, 6-gallon bags of fish filets, 229 speckle trout, 4 skimmer nets, 2 crab traps, 4 trawls, and 1 hoop net, 2-ice chest.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
112	Boating	
23	Commercial Fishing	
0	Federal Migratory	
0	Littering	
1	Miscellaneous	
106	Recreational Fishing	
0	State Hunting/Trapping	
26	Written Warnings	

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
2	Public Assistance	

STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE 18 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	47

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION	
2	Boating	
4	Angling W/O A License	
3	Angling W/O A Saltwater License	
4	Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Spotted Sea Trout	
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License	
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License	
3	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum	
7	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License	
4	Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License	
4	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License	
3	Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs	
1	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs	
3	Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area	
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off Of State Bedding Grounds	
2	Trawl State Waters Closed Season	
1	Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season	
1	Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area	

TOTAL 2	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION		
2	Boating		

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION

2,549 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$3,093.50, 10 boxes of crabs, 16 trawls, 2 skimmer nets, 2-16X12 butterfly nets, 20 lbs. of shrimp returned to water, 1 trawl boat, 1 skimmer boat, 1 shotgun, 4 buckshot shells, 1 turkey call, 100 sacks of oysters returned to water, 17 black drum, and 175 speckled trout donated.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
27	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
16	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
2	Written Warnings

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
3	Public Assistance	

S.W.E.P.

COASTAL WATERS

8 Agent	positions	
TOTAL	CACEC	16

TOTAL CASES	46
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	Boating
1	Failure To Have Commercial License In Possession
15	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species
7	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
15	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
3	Use Trawls Exceeding Size Regulations Offshore
2	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
3	Angling W/O A License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	<u> </u>

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION		
12,617 lbs. of shrim	p sold for \$26,794.45 and 14 trawls.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
43	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
3	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
0	Public Assistance	

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT 6 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	15
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regs. For Commercial Finfish- Take In Excess Of 200 lbs. /Red Snapper
5	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O A Wholesale/ Retail Dealer's License
2	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O A Retail Dealer's License
4	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Fail To Comply With Federal Law In EEZ
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
1	Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
WRITTEN WAR	NINGS:
TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	
CONFISCATION	
	CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
10 lbs. of red sna	pper sold for \$25.00 and 8 quarts of oysters destroyed.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
15	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
0	Public Assistance	

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

COASTAL WATERS

3 Agent positions

TOTALCASES	37
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	Boating
7	Angling W/O A License
7	Fishing W/O A Saltwater License
4	Take Undersize Black Drum
2	Take Over Limit Of Black Drum
2	Take Over Daily Limit Of Red Drum
2	Take Undersize Red Drum
1	Allow Unlicensed Commercial Fisherman To Use Commercial Dredge License
1	Allow Unlicensed Commercial Fisherman To Use Commercial Vessel License
1	Violation Of Sanitation Code; Chapter 9:052, Failure To Complete Time-Temperature Harvester Log Book
1	Take Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
3	Take Oysters W/O Commercial License
2	Take Oysters W/O Gear License
2	Take Oysters W/O Vessel License
2	Trawling During Closed Season

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION	
0		

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION

28 sacks of oysters, 1 vessel license, 1 gear license, 50 lbs. of shrimp, 1-16 foot long trawl, 1 shrimp basket, 16 red drum, 18 black drum, 1 ice chest.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION				
0	Boating				
13	Commercial Fishing				
0	Federal Migratory				
0	Littering				
0	Miscellaneous				
24	Recreational Fishing				
0	State Hunting/Trapping				
0	Written Warnings				
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION				
0	Public Assistance	-			

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =195

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT APRIL, 2000

185-Amph. - 61092

185-Float - 9667Q

210 - 9467Y

Hrs. -

47.0

Hrs. -

53.0

Hrs. - 12.7

Enforcement Hours -

98.7

Other Divisions -

14.0

Total Plane Use -

112.7

Cases Made In Conjunction With Aircraft Use Resulted In Citations Issued For:

2-Theft of Crab Trap

2-Total

Confiscations: 3 Crab Cages

2000		Ser	otem	2000		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993		ma4 ana ao	(fig. 776, 00)	20	£4.055.00	fo 545 00		
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FICCAL VEAD 4004	05							
FISCAL YEAR 1994	-95 17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
July, 1994					\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20		•		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Julie 1995	45	Ψ01,000.00		,0	Ψ 2 ,000.00	V1,020.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FICAL YEAR 1995-9	96							
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Nov., 1995				32		\$2,802.76		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26	(\$45.000.4E)		\$4,780.66 \$5,296.51			
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36		\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996	-97							
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Sept., 1996				25 25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53						
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02 \$2.121.53		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	. 310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%

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FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98	40	00 044 74			04 504 07	#00D 44		
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$ 2,051 <i>.</i> 78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$5 4,965.34		10	\$ 2,424 <i>.</i> 86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
dulle 1990	3	Ψ2,414.00		Ŭ	Ψ1,0 4 1.04	Ψ30.00		
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%
FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99								
July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
Дрг., 1999 Мау., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
• .	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
June 1999	,	\$3,7 1 9. 01		13	\$3,011.00	φυυυ.ου		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000								
July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$5 67.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64	*	26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
Apr., 2000 May, 2000	14	ΨΓ,007.10		.,	Ψ Σ ,ΟΟΣ71	ψ1,012.0 f		
June, 2000								
Total FY 2000	171	\$91,760.95	\$5,892.55	228	\$45,948.83	\$21,293.49	73%	133%

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CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT CURRENT MONTH

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04/01/2000-04/30/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES HEARING COSTS	632	\$32,300.00
DEBITS CREDITS	60 0	\$1,500.00 \$0.00
TOTAL DUE		\$33,800.00
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PAID IN FULL	293	\$15,350.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	4	\$120.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$50.00
REFUNDS	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS MISC CHANGES	0	\$0.00
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		•
DEBITS	1	\$50.00
CREDITS	1 0	\$0.00
VOIDS	11	\$400.00-
NOT GUILTY	0	\$0.00

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FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1999-04/30/2000 PAGE:

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	# CASES	TUOMA
FINES HEARING COSTS	6,357	\$323,205.00
DEBITS	1,925	\$48,277.00
CREDITS	4	\$500.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$370,982.00
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PAID IN FULL	4,339	\$231,860.73-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	90	\$4,196.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	40	\$1,695.33
REFUNDS	2 6	\$801.00
RETURNED CHECKS	4	\$225.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	4	\$60.00
CREDITS	2	\$1.60-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	4	\$200.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	382	\$15,732.00-
NOT GUILTY	131	\$5,850.00-

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES HEARING COSTS	79,937	\$4,064,202.07
DEBITS CREDITS	18,126 4	\$453,578.80 \$5,225.00-
TOTAL DUE		\$4,512,555.87
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PAID IN FULL	44,758	\$2,326,718.60-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,231	\$55,924.37-
OVERPAYMENTS	880	\$25,459.67
REFUNDS	167	\$8,080.31
RETURNED CHECKS MISC CHANGES	61	\$3,275.00
DEBITS	61	\$1,025.00
CREDITS	168	\$156.03-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		·
DEBITS	120	\$7,100.00
CREDITS	14	\$800.00-
VOIDS	4,408	\$187,457.73-
NOT GUILTY	7 57	\$37,900.00-
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$1,948,539.12

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** TOTAL AGING

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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

CURRENT 1 - 30 DAYS 31 - 60 DAYS 91 - 180 DAYS 181 - 365 DAYS OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE OVER 1 YEAR PENDING OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	357 456 513 482 1,793 0 0 27,226	\$18,075.00 \$23,600.00 \$26,505.00 \$25,115.00 \$114,887.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$1,740,357.12
** TOTAL AGING AGING OF OUTSTANDING	30,827 CASES FROM	\$1,948,539.12 HEARING DATE
PREHEARING 0 - 90 DAYS 91 - 180 DAYS 181 - 270 DAYS 271 - 365 DAYS OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE OVER 1 YEAR PENDING OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	1,168 2,353 926 283 1,041 0 0	\$59,655.00 \$119,565.00 \$63,698.00 \$16,321.00 \$64,819.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$1,624,481.12

30,827

\$1,948,539.12

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CURRENT MONTH 04/01/2000 TO 04/30/2000

	# CASES	TRUOMA
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	12	\$7,897.70
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	12	\$7,897.70
PAYMENTS	17	\$2,932.41-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	9	\$1,512.54-
OVERPAYMENTS	2	\$0.47
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
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\$0.00

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS

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\$0.00

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1999 TO 04/30/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	171	\$91,235.95
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	15	\$525.00
. SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0 = ===== ==============================	\$0.00
DECELERATION ACCEPTED		404 - 504
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	171	\$91,760.95
PAYMENTS	173	\$45,948.83-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	108	\$21,293.49-
OVERPAYMENTS	4	\$290.98
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	3 8	\$2,111.65
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	8	\$11,162.25-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	1 1	\$1,621.15
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.		\$6,800.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS	•	
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	5	\$12,509.10-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$604.67-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	6	\$3,241.89-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
FOOTNOTE:		

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FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS

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INCEPTION TO DATE 04/30/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	3,973	\$2,686,552.70
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	192	\$5,100.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	148	\$71,951.21
	======	
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	3,973	\$2,493,738.46
PAYMENTS	2,702	\$491,528.87-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1,877	\$239,023.47-
OVERPAYMENTS	124	\$ 3,002.56
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	48	\$10,309.52
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	12	\$29,611.70-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$12,222.64
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	20	\$ 90,603.09
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$36.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	2	\$35.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	58	\$36,391.47-
WRITE-OFFS	213	\$150,622.92-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	6	\$1,399.24-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$11,866.26-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	39	\$76,784.25-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	1,077	\$1,579,590.77

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS

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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS 31 - 60 DAYS 61 - 90 DAYS 91 - 120 DAYS 121 - 150 DAYS 151 - 180 DAYS 181 - 365 DAYS OVER ONE YEAR OVER TWO YEARS OVER THREE YEARS	8 10 7 0 3 6 104 143 123 452	\$8,395.30 \$10,542.40 \$2,322.55 \$0.00 \$6,389.65 \$2,304.10 \$44,669.18 \$158,356.81 \$73,254.08 \$357,154.35
** TOTAL AGING	== = 856	\$663,388.42
	F OUTSTANDING CASES	4000,000112
	COUSTAIDING CASES	
CAN NOT BE INVOICED CURRENT 1 - 30 DAYS 31 - 90 DAYS 91 - 180 DAYS 181 - 365 DAYS CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION OVER 1 YEAR PENDING OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	3 10 8 33 11 8 84 0 920	\$125.52 \$7,233.70 \$4,153.20 \$18,979.20 \$7,399.59 \$8,721.96 \$479,677.81 \$0.00 \$1,053,301.79

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

MAY-00 RULE - Crawfishing on Agricultural Lands Within Sherburne WMA

RULE - Recreational Electronic Licensing

JULY-00 RULE - 2000-01 Hunting Season Dates

RULE - Hunting and WMA Rules and Regulations

RULE - Personal Flotation Devices

RULE - Nassau and Jewfish Prohibition

RULE - Reef Fish-Daily Take, Possession & Size Limits

RULE - King and Spanish Mackerel and Cobia

RULE - Additional Public Oyster Seed Grounds

RULE - Alligator Regulations

AUG-00 RULE - Prohibited Fish Species

RULE - Harvest Regulations, Billfishes

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr. Secretary 2000-87



CONTACT 225/765-2923

5/2/00

*****AMENDED AGENDA*****

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET MAY 4

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold a regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2000, at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries building, located at 2000 Quail Dr. in Baton Rouge. The agenda follows:

- 1. Roll call
- 2. Approval of minutes of April 6, 2000
- 3. Presentation of scholarship check by Louisiana Dog Hunters Association
- 4. Public comments 2000-2001 hunting seasons & regulations
- 5. Rule ratification crawfishing on agricultural lands within Sherburne WMA
- 6. Present deer depredation policy (Information only)
- 7. Notice of intent Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program
- 8. Notice of Intent DMAP posting requirements
- 9. Declaration of emergency setting 2000 spring shrimp season
- a. Including consideration of special season and zone in Calcasieu Pass due to dredging conflicts
- 10. Enforcement & aviation reports/April
- 11. Set September 2000 meeting date
- 12. Public comments
- 13. Adjournment

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EDITORS: For more information, contact Catherine Carlock Simpson at 225/765-2923 (simpson_cc@wlf.state.la.us).

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AGENDA

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Chairman and Members of Commission

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Tom Gattle

Fax #:

318-559-1524

Subject:

Commission Agenda

Date:

April 24, 2000

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From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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From:

Foote, Karen

Sent:

Thursday, April 20, 2000 10:34 AM

To:

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Cc:

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